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Taxation and Revenue urges taxpayer caution Letter on property tax debt is circulating

SANTA FE — The New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department is warning taxpayers about operations claiming to be able to help people resolve tax debts.

Some taxpayers with outstanding property tax debts are receiving letters claiming that a distraint warrant has been issued against the taxpayer and that the warrant will be used to initiate collection actions. When the taxpayer calls the telephone number listed in the letter, a person answering the phone offers to help the taxpayer resolve the debt.

The Taxation and Revenue Department does not use distraint warrants to collect outstanding taxes.

Anyone with an outstanding property tax debt should work with the treasurer's office in the county where their property is located or with Taxation and Revenue at 505-827-0883 if the debt has been turned over to the state for collection.

Anyone who suspects they have encountered fraudulent activity can contact the Department through the Fraud Hotline at 1-866-457—6789 or by email at Tax.Fraud@tax.nm.gov.

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The Taxation and Revenue Department serves the State of New Mexico by providing fair and efficient tax and motor vehicle services. It administers more than 35 tax programs and distributes revenue to the State and to local and tribal governments throughout New Mexico.

The Department strives to reduce taxpayer burden through clearer communication, statutes, regulations, forms, correspondence and instructions.

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