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Lost treasures up for auction Nov. 19, 20 in Kenmore, WA

OLYMPIA – Nov. 3, 2014 – The contents of hundreds of unclaimed safe deposit boxes will be auctioned over two days in November.

Jewelry, coins, stamps and other collectibles are among the 2400 items that James G. Murphy, Inc. will auction on Nov. 19 and 20 at their Kenmore facility, 18226 – 68th Ave. NE. The auction will run each day until all lots slated for bid that day are sold.

Bidders can preview the items in person Nov. 17 and 18 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. They can also glance at the online auction catalogue at <http://murphyauction.com/>.

Among the lost treasures is a sketchbook believed to be from famed artist Pablo Picasso. Although the sketchbook has not been authenticated, it could generate significant collector interest.

All of these items have been turned over to the Washington State Department of Revenue after financial institutions lost touch with owners and rental fees went unpaid for a period of time. State law requires Revenue to auction off the contents if the owners haven't been found within five years of receipt.

Revenue holds the cash proceeds, minus auction and bank fees, in the safe deposit box owner's name should the owner or an heir come forward to claim the proceeds.

Each year, Revenue also receives stocks and bonds, rebate checks, savings and checking accounts, insurance claim proceeds, utility deposits and payroll checks that have been dormant for several years.

Revenue is currently holding more than \$1 billion in unclaimed funds. Visit claimyourcash.org regularly to check for a possible claim.

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About Revenue

The Department of Revenue is Washington state's primary tax administration agency, nationally recognized for innovation and service quality. Revenue collected more than \$19.6 billion in tax revenues in Fiscal Year 2014. These funds go to support public schools, social services, health care, corrections, public safety and natural resources conservation.

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