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## New Security Measures in Place to Prevent Identity Theft and Tax Return Fraud

Montgomery, Nov. 3, 2014—State Revenue Commissioner Julie P. Magee announces new efforts the Alabama Department of Revenue is taking to protect taxpayers against identity theft and return fraud.

“In the past, our primary responsibility was to efficiently process tax returns and refunds. Now, due to alarming frequency of identity theft, we must first confirm the identity of the person filing the return,” said Commissioner Magee. It is our duty to protect our citizens from criminals who use stolen information to file fraudulent returns.”

When the department receives a return it will be processed using new tools intended to detect possible fraud. “Starting today, we will employ new technology and processes to confirm the identity of the person filing an income tax return in our state,” said Commissioner Magee.

Some people will receive a letter from the Alabama Department of Revenue asking them to complete a short confirmation quiz used to confirm identity. The request does not mean the individual is suspected of identity theft or has done anything wrong. The request is to confirm the person's identity has not been stolen and used to file a false return.

Once the quiz has been completed the return will be processed. The quiz can be taken online or by phone. In 2013, identity theft was the top consumer concern, and protecting Alabamians has become a major priority for the state.

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