

Consumer **ALERT**



ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TEXAS
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SCAM ARTIST IMPERSONATES ATTORNEY GENERAL EMPLOYEE

Our office has been notified by the Farmer's Branch Police Department that a con artist posed as an employee of my office in an attempt to defraud a consumer. The imposter claimed to be paying a large award (more than \$150,000) from an unspecified court case and demanded a "fee" up front, supposedly for taxes.

Under no circumstances does a representative of the Office of the Attorney General solicit payments from consumers for restitution from court cases. Any person claiming to be from this agency who holds out an offer of a cash award for a fee is an imposter. If you receive a contact of this type, please call us toll-free at (800) 252-8011, email us at greg.abbott@oag.state.tx.us or simply reply to this email.

Our office occasionally is able to obtain cash settlements and restitution for consumers in lawsuits. You would normally be aware of the lawsuit and would have filed a consumer complaint with us. In any case, you would not be required to pay a fee to receive restitution due to you. The large amount of money is also a clue. When our office obtains restitution from a lawsuit, the amount would be no more than an amount you had paid and lost in a consumer transaction, usually in the hundreds of dollars at most, more often less.

Sincerely,

Greg Abbott,
Attorney General of Texas

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