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## Floridians,

On Wednesday, I hosted a [live phone bank](#) at WFLA News Channel 8 in Tampa. During the phone bank, viewers were encouraged to call in and check for unclaimed property accounts in their name. In less than 15 hours, more than 1,100 individual accounts were found in the Tampa area worth a combined total of more than \$230,000. To encourage Floridians to search for unclaimed property, I kicked off the Holiday Money Hunt statewide last week. It's the time of year where everyone could use a little extra spending cash, and an unexpected check from the State of Florida could help make things a little brighter this year. It's free to search and only takes a few minutes! Search right now at [FLTreasureHunt.gov](https://www.FLTreasureHunt.gov).

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Lastly, on Thursday, during the Florida Chamber Annual Insurance Summit, I **announced** the formation and deployment of two new property insurance fraud fighting squads dedicated to combat property insurance fraud in Florida. The new squads include 13 total personnel with five sworn law enforcement detectives each and are boots on the ground right now in Tampa and Orlando. While my teams put in a tremendous amount of time and effort to hold fraudsters accountable, we cannot do it alone. That's why we are employing a task force approach with both squads by joining with the Statewide Prosecutors Office, local state attorneys, law enforcement agencies, and the insurance industry to better coordinate our fraud fighting efforts to protect Florida's insurance consumers.

Have a great weekend!

Sincerely,

Jimmy Patronis  
Chief Financial Officer  
State of Florida

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More than \$122,000 went right back in the pockets of Tampa area citizens in the last three hours! Thank you [@WFLA](#) and [@WFLAShannon](#) for being such great partners. Check to see if you have unclaimed property anytime by visiting [ftreasurehunt.gov](http://ftreasurehunt.gov).

