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Hawai'i Department of Taxation Warns Taxpayers About Tax Enforcement Scam

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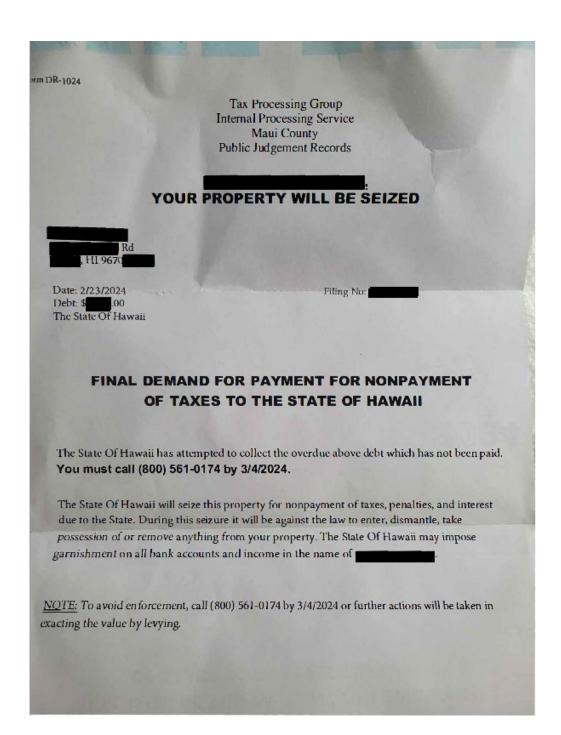
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HONOLULU – It's tax season and fraudsters are looking to target taxpayers. The Hawai'i Department of Taxation (DOTAX) is cautioning taxpayers about activity involving tax-related scams, including this recent attempt.

Hawai'i taxpayers have reported receiving letters asking to call a phone number regarding an overdue debt. It is written to intimidate, using words such as "seize this property." The actual letter is provided below and is not an official letter from the **state of Hawai'i Department of Taxation**.

Taxpayers should not reply to any correspondence from the "Tax Processing Group" or "Internal Processing Service." They have no association with the state of Hawai'i. Confidential information such as financial or personal data, or social security numbers should not be shared during unsolicited calls or emails. In this situation, a call can be made to the appropriate tax agency at a phone number obtained from a verified source such as an official website.

If anyone has questions or would like to confirm the legitimacy of any tax notice, they should contact DOTAX directly using the contact information listed on its website: https://tax.hawaii.gov/contact/



Actual scam letter received by a taxpayer.

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