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Scam of the Week

The Scam of the Week is a scam that was actually received or reported to this office. This week's scam goes like this. You receive an unsolicited email purportedly from the IRS. The email states that you are entitled to a refund for \$268.32 and that you need to submit a tax refund request and allow them 3-4 business days in order to process it. The email states that the refund could be delayed for by submitting invalid records. The email wants you to access the "IRS Form." When you click on the link to the form what appears to be an IRS form appears. It asks for your debit card number, PIN Number, email address and other personal information. The form has links to other IRS information, but they do not work.

At best, this is a "Phishing" site to gather your personal information and at worst a way to remove all of the cash from your bank account with your Debit Card information. You can check this or any other link or site out by going to <http://www.phishtank.com> or by checking it out at <http://www.irs.gov> the official government web site.

If you are suspicious about you should contact the IRS at 307-672-7425, your own attorney, your banker, a law enforcement officer, or me at (307) 283-1090.

Sincerely,

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