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Clerk of Court and Comptroller Tara S. Green Announces Unclaimed Checks List

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The following information refers to unclaimed monies held by the Clay County Clerk of Court (FL), commonly referred to as the annual Unclaimed Checks List.

The Finance Office of Clay County Clerk of Court and Comptroller Tara S. Green reviews unclaimed and uncashed checks annually and posts this information as a public notice once the funds remain unclaimed for more than a year. The Clay County Clerk's Office currently has more than **\$5,500** in unclaimed funds from the previous year.

Those listed have until September 25, 2022, to claim the money using the form provided online at <u>www.clayclerk.com</u>. Once complete, the form may be saved and emailed to the Clerk of Court's Finance Office at <u>LeiningerA@clayclerk.com</u> or printed and mailed to Clay County Clerk of Court and Comptroller's Office, Attn: A. Leininger, Finance Office, P.O. Box 698, Green Cove Springs, Florida, 32043. Once the form is received and verified, funds will be mailed. Section 116.21 of Florida statutes allows uncollected funds to be forfeited and deposited into the Clerk's Fine and Forfeiture Fund after the deadline.

The new list includes 79 uncashed checks, some worth hundreds of dollars, for things like jury service, witness fees, overpayment, refunds, cash bond or garnishment deposits. These checks were mailed more than a year ago but never cashed. The recipient possibly moved without leaving a forwarding address or put the check away and forgot about it.

Last year, there were about 200 unclaimed checks worth about \$7,000. There is a good reason why the number of checks and total dollar amount is lower this year. This is due to our improved system for paying citizens who report for jury selection and jury duty. Instead of mailing paper checks, we now issue the citizens a payment card (like a debit card) while they are here on site. This saves paper and postage expenses, plus people are less likely to lose the cards and more likely to use them. The jury checks once made up a large part of the list, but this new jury duty payment system remedied that issue.

Citizens may contact our office by phone at (904) 529-4230 with any questions.

View the unclaimed checks list (attached) online at <u>clayclerk.com</u>. Thank you.