WARNING: New Identity Theft Alert from the OK Veteran Affairs

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Notice of Warning to all Oklahoma Veterans:

Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs has heard from the Federal Bureau of Investigations Field Office that they have received a complaint from an Oklahoma Veteran which is stating that he had been contacted several times over the past several weeks by a company claiming they were contracted with the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs for the purpose of collecting demographic information. These phone calls are requesting some confidential information in order to complete the survey.

You should know that the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs would never contact you by phone or email to request any third parties at any time.

These recent phone calls and related requests are not from our Agency but instead are all fraudulent and should not be responded to in any way. We warn you not to reply to these phone calls but instead to record the name of the individual calling and the phone number they are calling from. We warn you not to visit any suggested websites and not to provide any information whether personal or general in nature.

Your safety remains our highest priority at the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs. If you should receive phone calls or e-mails supposedly from the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs, or from any third parties requesting your personal information, please follow the guidance below:

- 1. Contact your Veterans Service Organization or your ODVA Veterans Service Representative.
- 2. Contact Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs Central Office: Steven Pancoast (405) 522-5370 or E-mail spancoast@odva.state.ok.us