Be Aware of Property Lien Scam

A new tax-related scam has emerged which involves false property liens.

The scammers threaten property owners with a tax bill from a fictional government agency.

Some of the details relating to the property lien scam that have been identified, those being:

- The scheme involves a letter threatening an IRS lien or levy.
- The scammer mails the letter to a taxpayer.
- The lien or levy is based on bogus overdue taxes owed to a non-existent agency.
- The non-existent agencies have a legitimate-sounding name like the “Bureau of Tax Enforcement.”
- This scam may also reference the IRS to confuse potential victims into thinking the letter is from a real agency.

The IRS and the Department of the Treasury are looking for additional information relating to these types of scams.

Should you receive such a scam they are asking for assistance.

For anyone who does not owe taxes and has no reason to think they do have been asked to do the following:

- Contact the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration to report the letter. The taxpayer should use their IRS Impersonation Scam Reporting web page. When reporting the scam, they should include the key words “IRS Lien.”
- Scan a document received as a letter or fax, and send it to phishing@irs.gov.
- Report it to the Federal Trade Commission using the FTC Complaint Assistant on FTC.gov.
- Report it also to the FBI’s Internet Crime Complaint Center, known simply as IC3.
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