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Victims of fraud deadline for filing claims from Western Union fund

Lincoln -- Attorney General Doug Peterson reminds Nebraskans who wired money to scam artists via Western Union from January 1, 2004 through January 19, 2017 that the **deadline** to claim a refund for that money is approaching. Completed claim forms must be mailed back to the settlement administrator by **May 31, 2018**.

This fund is related to a multi-state <u>settlement</u> with state Attorneys General, Western Union, and the U.S. Department of Justice that was first announced in January 2017. Nebraskans may be eligible to receive compensation if they were a victim of a fraud-induced transfer using Western Union between January 1, 2004 and January 19, 2017.

Consumers who reported to Western Union or to the Nebraska Attorney General's Office that they had been the victim of a scam using Western Union should have received a claim form in the mail. If you did not receive a claim form in the mail but believe you may have an eligible claim, please visit http://www.westernunionremission.com or call (844) 319-2124 for more information on how to file a claim. Consumers do not need to have previously reported the fraudulent transaction to be eligible for a refund through this settlement.

To obtain information about how to protect yourself as a consumer, file a consumer complaint, or report a scam, please visit the Nebraska Attorney General's Office, Consumer Protection Division website at www.protectthegoodlife.nebraska.gov or call (800) 727-6432.

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