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Florida Department of Financial Services

**State of Florida Unclaimed Property Auction**  
**August 2008 Fact Sheet**

**Preview Date and Time:** Friday, August 1, 2008, 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM  
(Preview this day only – no preview on day of auction)

**Auction Date and Time:** Saturday, August 2, 2008, 10:00 AM Until Finished  
(Registration will open at 8:00 AM)

**Location:** Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay  
2900 Bayport Drive  
Tampa, Florida 33607  
Phone: 813-874-1234  
<http://grandtampabay.hyatt.com/hyatt/hotels/index.jsp>

**Who can attend?** The auction is open to the public and there are no restrictions on who can register to bid (see Other Registration Information/Requirements below).

**Number of Items/Lots:** Approximately 500 lots consisting of an estimated 40,000 items.

**Estimated Value of Auction:** \$500,000 (Reserve Prices)

**Source of the Items for Sale:** These items were sent to the State, pursuant to Florida's Unclaimed Property law, from safe deposit boxes in banks and credit unions. If the owner of the safe deposit box fails to pay the rental fee, the financial institution will drill the box and remove its contents. If the owner cannot be located, the contents are sent to the Florida Department of Financial Services, Bureau of Unclaimed Property. The Bureau then uses various means to attempt to notify the owner of his/her unclaimed property, including media, Internet, and database searches.

**Opening Bid Price (Reserve Price):** The Department uses the services of an independent appraiser who identifies, describes and determines a reserve or minimum bid price for each item. The opening bid price is a minimum bid price and is not intended to reflect the fair market value or replacement value of the item(s). In most cases, items sell for much more than the opening bid price.

**Catalog:** Additional information, including a free, downloadable catalog, is available at [www.fltreasurehunt.org](http://www.fltreasurehunt.org), and from Fisher Auction Company at [www.fisherauction.com](http://www.fisherauction.com). Please periodically check these websites for updates.

**Search for Unclaimed Property:** Visit the official State website at [www.fltreasurehunt.org](http://www.fltreasurehunt.org) or call **1-88-VALUABLE**.

**Other Registration Information/Requirements:**

- Registration with the auctioneer (on-site) will be required to preview, inspect and/or bid on any item(s). Pre-registration is also available through Fisher Auction Company.
- Registration requires a refundable \$100 cash deposit and valid driver's license, providing full name and current address. Most debit cards are accepted for registration, for a fee. If purchases are made, the fee will be waived.
- Purchases can only be made with Certified Funds (Cash, Travelers checks, certified check, **most** bank debit cards).
- **BUYER'S PREMIUM: There will be an eight percent (8%) Buyer's Premium added to the final bid.**
- Bids will begin at the "reserve price" listed in the catalog. Absentee bids may be placed through Fisher Auction Company at 954-942-0917 or [www.fisherauction.com](http://www.fisherauction.com).
- **NO STROLLERS, CARTS, HANDBAGS, OR OTHER BAGS OF ANY KIND, WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE PREVIEW AREA!**