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Treasurer Frerichs to Host Auction Preview at the Thompson Center in Chicago in Advance of State Fair Live Event

SPRINGFIELD – For the first time in 10 years, Illinois Treasurer Michael Frerichs is hosting a live unclaimed property auction on August 20th at the Illinois State Fair on the Ethnic Village Stage in Springfield. In advance of the event, the public will get a rare opportunity to preview the auction items on August 5 at the James R. Thompson Center between 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Treasurer Frerichs will be available for interviews at the auction preview event on **August 5 at 11:00 a.m.** at the **James R. Thompson Center at 100 West Randolph, Chicago, IL.**

WHO: Michael Frerichs, Illinois State Treasurer

WHAT: An Ernie Banks rookie card, an 1856 flying eagle cent, 1997 Air Jordan XII basketball shoes, and an Elvis Presley concert ticket stub are some of the 21,500 unclaimed property items worth \$167,000 to be auctioned live on August 20 at the Illinois State Fair on the Ethnic Village Stage in Springfield. The live auction will include 255 lots. Auction items have been appraised by an outside vendor. Luke Lee Gaule will serve as auctioneer for the live auction on August 20 at the Illinois State Fairgrounds.

A selection of auction items will be available for viewing at the preview event at the James R. Thompson Center on August 5 from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

The treasurer's office is the custodian of unclaimed property including lost bank accounts, insurance policy proceeds, unpaid rebate cards, and safe deposit boxes. Items are surrendered to the treasurer's office after private entities have tried for at least five years to locate the owner. All auction proceeds will be held for the rightful owners in perpetuity.

WHEN: Unclaimed Property Auction Preview
August 5, 2016
11:00 a.m. - noon (Availability for Interviews)

WHERE: Unclaimed Property Preview
James R. Thompson Center (Atrium)
100 West Randolph
Chicago, IL

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