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### **Western Union Wire Transfer Settlement Monies Available to Victims**

**PIERRE, S.D.** – Attorney General Marty Jackley has confirmed that the Federal Trade Commission, the U.S. Department of Justice and the U.S. Postal Service have settled with Western Union on a \$586 million dollars settlement for aiding and abetting wire fraud. This money is now being used to provide refunds to people who were tricked into using Western Union to pay scammers.

“Consumers who feel that have fallen victim to a wire transfer scam via Western Union must file a claim. Each claim will be verified through the Department of Justice and the amount will depend on the amount lost and the number of claims filed, but a claim must be filed,” said Jackley.

Consumers who have lost money via money transfer through Western Union between January 1, 2004 and January 19, 2017, may be eligible to get their money back if a claim is filed before February 12, 2018 at the following link:

<https://www.ftc.gov/enforcement/cases-proceedings/refunds/western-union-settlement-faqs>

Additional information on the settlement can be found at the following link:

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For additional questions on this settlement or other consumer related issues, contact the Attorney General’s Consumer Protection Division at 800-300-1986 or at [consumerhelp@state.sd.us](mailto:consumerhelp@state.sd.us).