## **Texas Department of Banking Press Release**

## **Consumer Alert**

Date: March 8, 2007

The Texas Department of Banking (Department) has become aware of individual(s) contacting consumers over the telephone claiming to be employees of the Department. During the call the consumer is asked to verify personal financial information as a matter of record.

The Department does not directly contact consumers in any manner (electronic, telephone, or otherwise), nor does the Department maintain personal financial information for consumers. Financial institutions and consumers should NOT under any circumstances, provide any personal financial information through this medium.