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### **Consumer Alert**

COLUMBUS, OHIO – The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) is reminding Ohioans to be wary of unsolicited job offers, online business opportunities, work-at-home promises, and websites or help wanted ads that request personal or financial information.

The agency's OhioMeansJobs.com website aggregates nearly all online help wanted ads posted in Ohio, and ODJFS has noticed an uptick in potentially fraudulent activity, including a case in which an individual used an apparently stolen Federal Employer Identification Number to gain access to a small number of resumes posted at OhioMeansJobs.com.

ODJFS partners with Monster.com to closely monitor online activity, quickly detect potential fraud, and notify affected Ohioans. When an OhioMeansJobs.com user raises red flags, the account is quickly deactivated and investigated. When appropriate, cases are referred to the Ohio State Highway Patrol for further investigation.

Neither ODJFS nor most legitimate employers or job search websites will ask for a Social Security number, driver's license number or financial information prior to an in-person interview and formal job offer. Ohioans looking for work online are strongly encouraged not to include confidential personal or financial information in their resumes and to report suspicious job offers.

Ohioans concerned about suspicious activity at OhioMeansJobs.com are encouraged to email [OMJ-Help-Desk@jfs.ohio.gov](mailto:OMJ-Help-Desk@jfs.ohio.gov). Other suspicious job offers or employment-related scams can be reported to the Ohio Attorney General's Office at [www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov](http://www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov) or 800-282-0515.

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