A REPORT TO THE DAVIS COUNTY AUDIT COMMITTEE



An Audit of the Treasurer Cancel/Bounce Error

March 26, 2021

Curtis Koch
Davis County Clerk/Auditor

Blake Woodall
Internal Auditor

On March 3, 2021 Davis County Treasurer, Mark Altom, emailed Clerk/Auditor Curtis Koch to set up a meeting to discuss some issues related to the payment of property taxes that affected multiple parcel numbers. During this meeting held on March 11, 2021 Treasurer Altom presented a document prepared by his office, outlining the problem and a recommended solution to abate of \$2,263.81 for delinquent taxes and fees on parcel #03-039-0059. Please read Attachment A.

After the meeting between the Treasurer and Auditor Offices, it was determined further research would be performed by both offices in order to gain a better understanding of how the error may have occurred so that appropriate corrective measures could be implemented.

Subsequent explanations from the Treasurer's office on what may have happened are attached. Please read Attachments B, C & D.

Based on the work of the Auditor's Office, the financial records of the County show the following transactions:

Parcel #'s in	Question	Taxpayer Name
		No Parcel Exists

Date	Time	Name	Parcel #	Receipt #	Action	Amount	Notes
11/15/2017	9:56 am			0005907932	Paid	2,263.81	2017 Taxes, WFB
		<u></u>					Trans
11/15/2017	10:00			0005907932	Paid	1,763.69	2017 Taxes, WFB
	am						Trans
11/14/2018	8:15 am	t		1006288482	Paid	1,961.16	2018 Taxes: FP
11/14/2018	4:07 pm			1006289810	Paid	2,235.43	2018 Taxes
11/16/2018	NA			Bounced via	Error	2,235.43	
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11/16/2018	8:18 am			Cancel	Bounced	2,263.81	2017 Taxes
11/16/2018	9:41 am			0006292289	Paid	2,436.73	2018 Taxes, WFB
							Trans
11/19/2018	7:52 am			1006293551	Paid	1,961.16	2018 Taxes, WFB
							Trans
11/19/2018	8:34 am			Cancel	Bounced	2,235.43	
11/19/2018	8:46 am			Cancel	Bounced	1,961.16	2018 Tax Bounced
11/19/2018	4:22 pm			006295043	Paid	2,255.43	2018 Taxes plus B.
			_				fee
11/26/2018	1:05 pm			006301240	Paid	1,981.16	2018 Taxes plus B.
							fee
3/11/2021	NA			DEP#352168	Deposit	2,263.81	No Funds Deposit

Findings:

Based on the financial records of the County, the Auditor's Office cannot validate any of the explanations provided by the Treasurer's office.

Based on a review of the RealTax computer system, the Auditor's Office has reasonable assurance the cancelled/bounced payment performed on parcel system error. Please read Attachment E.

Based on the financial records and accounts of the County, the Auditor's Office has reasonable assurance that no money/funds are missing and the error can be attributed to a data entry mistake.

Owner of parcel were never delinquent in the payment of property taxes. Their November 2017 payment should not have been canceled/bounced by the Treasurer's Office 366 days after the being paid on time on November 15, 2017.

Had the Grimstead's not discovered the issue, the error would have presented itself five years from the erroneous cancel/bounce when the property would have been placed on the tax sale.

Parcel mentioned in the initial explanation (Attachment A) provided by the Treasurer's Office has no relation to the error.

The owners of parcel did bounce a payment on 11/14/2018 and paid it again on 11/26/2018 including the returned check fee of \$20. This transaction had nothing to do with the Grimstead property and is not relevant to the discussion as to why the was incorrectly canceled/bounced.

The collectors account bank reconciliation for the month of November 2018 that was performed monthly by Auditor's Office, did not detect the erroneous bounce due to unreconciled bounced checks related to personal property.

After the explanation provided in the first memorandum was found to be incorrect by the Treasurer (Attachment B), a recommended fix to the error based on the initial explanation was implemented.

The suggested correction in Attachment A to remove the cancel/bounce from parcel by abatement is not in accordance with state statute governing the abatement process. In order for an abatement to apply the following criteria would have had to have been met:

- Completed application by the property owner
- Age verification (typically applicant has to be 66+)
- Income verification (Income limit is in the mid \$30K's)
- Ownership and residency requirements (they have to own and live in the home, etc.)
- Application can only be submitted for the current tax year

Risks:

The Treasurer's Office does not have a comprehensive control structure to provide the necessary checks and balances over their core functions and processes. This allows for super users that can carry out all functions of the office without oversight by any other person.

Super user roles within the Treasurer's Office enable staff to perform core business functions such as cash receipting, recording, reconciling, and canceling/voiding transactions. An individual can have complete control of transactions from beginning to end with little to no oversight, this allows problems or errors to go undetected for months and even years.

Timely reconciliation by the Treasurer's office is not being performed to prevent or detect errors.

The Treasurer's Office is not structured to have adequate separation of duties or secondary review and sign-off of transactions. This work is only performed 30 or more days after month end closing when the Auditor's Office is provided the unreconciled account information.

By not following state statue in the application of abatements, additional opportunities are created to conceal transactions that are made in error or fraud.

As demonstrated by the events above, the current operating procedures of the Treasurer's Office allow for the voiding of valid payments/transactions, which creates an opportunity for fraud and abuse of tax payer funds.

Recommendations:

The Treasurer's Office should implement a holistic-comprehensive system of internal controls. In order to do this, start by identifying the core business processes and the roles/responsibilities of staff members within those processes. As part of the control environment consider activities designed to prevent, detect, or correct errors and fraud. Controls activities might include, separation of duties, timely reconciliation or transactions, reviews and signoff, secondary reviews, and other activities designed then implemented by department management.

The role of super users that can complete an entire transaction process from beginning to end should be eliminated. This should be done by identifying incompatible duties such as processing or posting a transaction then also canceling/bouncing the same transaction.

The Treasurer's Office should develop a plan to reconcile transactions timely, some transactions may need to be reviewed and reconciled daily while other transactions could be reconciled weekly. Timeliness of reconciling transactions are critical to identifying and correcting errors.

The monthly bank reconciliation of the Tax Collectors bank account performed by the Auditor's office should be a review that all transactions tie out and that appropriate supporting documentation exists.

Prior to the review and reconciliation of the Collector Account by the Auditor's office, the Treasurer's office must review the data to identify and correct incomplete or missing transactions.

Abatements should only be recommended and used when necessary and within the bounds of state statute.

In order to provide the appropriate control structure in the office, it may be appropriate to increase staff and/or technical expertise in the office.

Conclusion:

The 2017 property tax payment for \$2,263.81 on parcel should not have been manually canceled/bounced. It appears the have been made whole and were able to successfully complete the refinance of their property. While this series of events illustrates significant control weaknesses that failed to prevent, detect, or correct this error, these events also provide opportunity for improved processes. The Auditor's Office is happy to assist with review of the design and implementation of proposed recommendations as needed.



Treasurer

Jonathan Lee Chief Deputy

Mark Altom Treasurer

Davis County Board of Equalization P.O. Box 618 Farmington UT 84025

March 11, 2021

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Re:	
The Treasurer's Office recommends that the Board fees on parcel ************************************	d of Equalization abate the 2017 delinquent taxes and 263.81 plus any accrued interest to date.
Background:	
The owner of parcel called the Court 2017 delinquency on parcel they restricted the Treasurer's Office pieced together what we believe	nty Treasurer's office on March 4, 2021 to inquire on a ecently discovered. In researching this delinquency, the e happened as follows:
November 15, 2017 on parcel Or Wells Fargo CEO notifying the County Treasurer's payment, parcel number \$2018 paywas erroneously read one line below what it should be considered to the county of the	al Estate Tax Services) paid the 2017 taxes on time on November 19, 2018, there was a bounced payment at office of a bounced payment. In researching the bounced yment should have been bounced but the receipt number ld have been. The receipt number read corresponded to that file for 2017 and the November 15, 2017 payment on for.
delinquency was ever sent to the parcel owner a have had the delinquency because of the bounce 2018 (bounced) payment remained credited to the instead of his parcel. The delinquency since moved; nor should it be recovered from the	so no notice of above. The owner of parcel which should be payment has since sold the property in 2020. Their property since it was incorrectly bounced on parcel y are now not recoverable from the seller as they have a new owners. The erroneous Cancel/Bounce on parcel estored. This can be done with approval from the Board 17.
As a result, the Treasurer's Office asks the Board fees on parcel #	of equalization to abate the 2017 delinquent taxes and ,263.81 plus any accrued interest to date.
Respectfully,	
Jonathan Lee Chief Deputy Treasurer	Mark Altom Treasurer
Attachments. cc: Davis County Auditor Office Davis County Commissioners	

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Custom As of 11/19/2018

Company: DAVIS COUNTY GOVERNMENT AIF 6053

User: Jonathan Lee

11/20/2018 10:44 AM ET

Commercial Electronic Office®

Treasury Information Reporting

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DAVIS CO UT ASSESSOR P

Discretionary Data: N/A Sending Co Name: **FORTE**

Recipient Name: DAVIS CO UT ASSESSOR P

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30,501,961.16

Account Net Total 1270800616 USD:

-29,861,931.16

Currency: USD Bank: 121000248

Account: 1270800913(UT)

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Date: 3/8/2021

Tax District: 57 WEST BOUNTIFUL # Parcel Dates: 1/1/1981 to Present Acres: 0.260 Exempt: Mary V Tax Name & Address for Tax Year 2021 575 W 2050 North West Bountiful 84087-Situs Address

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Grantee:			7535-2103	06/12/2020					
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SOUTH DAVIS METRO FIRE CERTIFICATE SERVICE AREA Grantor:

2911949

12/23/2015 08:21 a



ATTACHMENT B



Blake Woodall

bwoodall@co.davis.ut.us>

\$1,961.16 bounced check

Mark Altom <marka@co.davis.ut.us>

Thu, Mar 11, 2021 at 1:52 PM

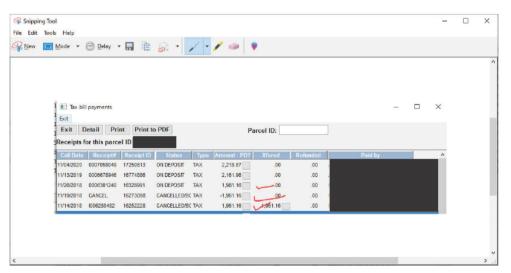
To: Curtis Koch <ckoch@co.davis.ut.us>, Blake Woodall <bwoodall@co.davis.ut.us>, Doug Stone <dstone@co.davis.ut.us>, Jonathan Lee <jlee@co.davis.ut.us>

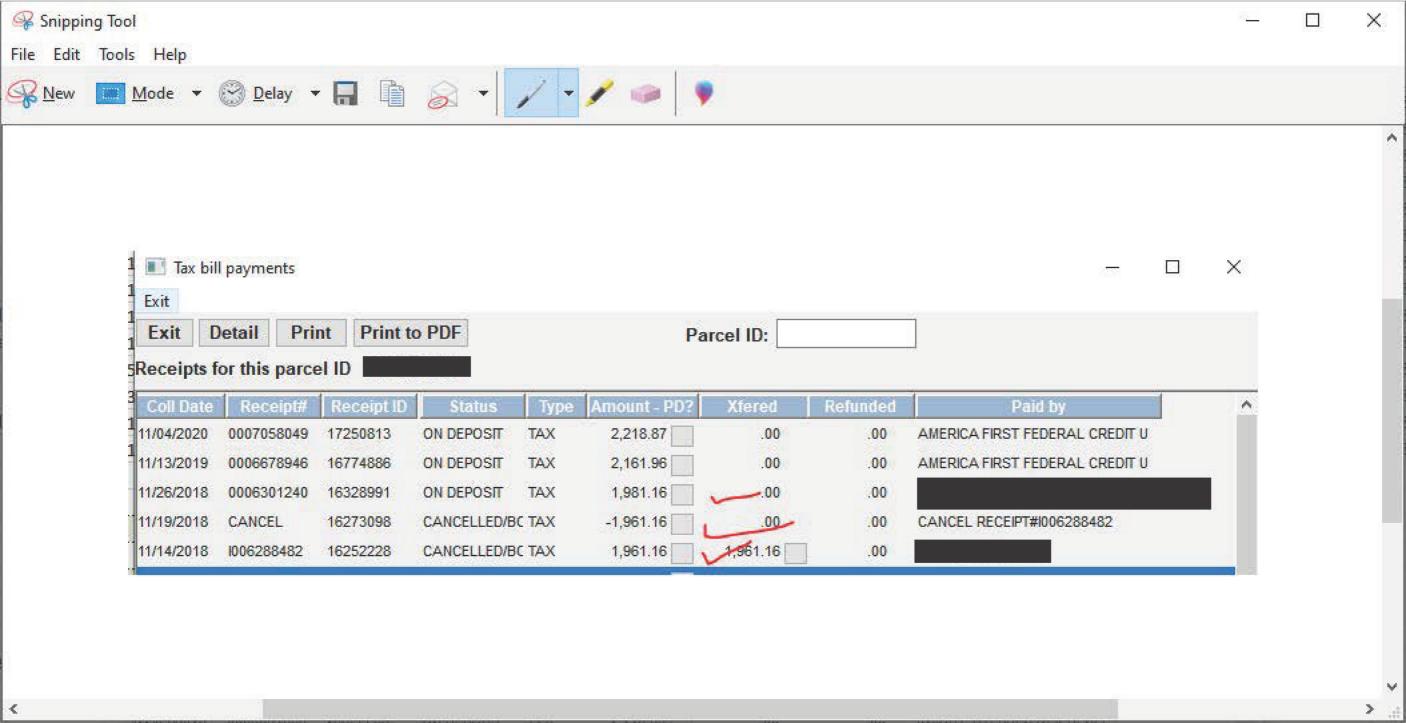
I decided to do more research on this. I found out that check DID NOT BOUNCE. The parcel that bounced was for the exact same dollar amount of \$1,961.16 BUT on parcel (see attached). This parcel was bounced correctly. They paid on 11/14/2018, it was canel/bounced 11/19/2018 and they paid, including the \$20.00 returned check fee, on 11/26/2018. (See screen print below).

We need to do some more research on what happened. We'll plan on an update in the meeting scheduled for Monday, March 15.

Mark Altom Treasurer Davis County, Utah (801) 451-3243









Treasurer

Mark Altom

Jonathan Lee Treasurer

Chief Deputy

March 17, 2021

RE: Bounced check/canceled payment on parcel 03-039-0059

On November 16, 2018 there was a cancelled/bounce transaction on a payment that was made by Wells Fargo Real Estate Tax Service on November 15, 2017. Research has determined that this payment was cancelled/bounced in error. The error was discovered when the owner of the property, called and talked to Jonathan.

had just completed a refinance of their mortgage and the title company discovered a delinquency for 2017 taxes.

Mark and Jonathan met with Curtis Koch, Blake Woodall and from the Clerk/Auditor staff on March 11, 2021. The issue was discussed and the conclusion at the end of the meeting was for all of us to meet again the following week.

Mark and Jonathan research all of the bounced checks and returned ACH

Mark and Jonathan research all of the bounced checks and returned ACH transactions for the month of November 2018. Every one of these bounced checks and returned ACH payments were cancelled/bounced correctly (Exhibit A) and there was not a bounced check or returned ACH for \$2,263.81. It appears Jonathan inadvertently entered an incorrect receipt number in error, with a transposition, or a receipt from a different transaction on another receipt line, and bounced this payment from November 15, 2017 in error. Therefore, the funds for this payment were never debited from the Collector bank account. So, from a distribution perspective, the funds from this payment were distributed in December 2017 for the collections from November 2017. Then, when it was cancelled/bounced in error, the funds were taken away from the taxing entities in error. Then, based on discussion with Clerk/Auditor staff and Treasurer staff in the March 11, 2021 meeting it we recommended and supported to make a payment to parcel without any funds. This payment was made by Jonathan with deposit #352168 (Exhibit B).

The net result of the payment on November 15, 2017, cancel/bounce on November 16, 2018, and the payment made on deposit #52168 are: the funds from the November 2017 payment were distributed to the taxing entities in December 2017; then, the cancel/bounce transaction done in error in November 2018 took the funds away from the taxing entities in December 2018; now, with the payment with deposit #352168 will return the funds to the taxing entities in the April 2021 distribution. At this point, the transaction is balanced and the taxing entities and the taxpayers' parcel is paid in full.

In order to prevent this error to happen in the future, the Treasurer's office is immediately implementing a change in procedure for cancel/bounced transactions. It is also the intent of the Treasurer's office to have Information Systems program controls in the new

CoreTax computer system to generate reports and require approval of cancel/bounce transactions when they are processed by Treasurer's office management and/or staff.

The change in procedure for the Treasurer's office related to Secure Instant Payments (SIP) online and IVR payments is as follows:

- Mark will continue to process the daily files that are generated by SIP. Any
 reversals of payments for SIP will be processed by Jonathan. Once the payment
 is reversed, Jonathan will notify Mark, and Mark will make a note in the RealTax
 log that the payment was reversed and give the reason for the reversal.
- 2) Any returned check or ACH return will be processed by Jonathan. After Jonathan has reversed the payment, Jonathan will give a document to Mark for Mark's review and approval. Then, Mark will give the document to so she can send a letter to the payor, if necessary (SIP is able to send an email to the payor for SIP reversals).

The Treasurer will also implement more frequent Collector account reconciliation, at least weekly, and if feasible, daily reconciliations. This will take a little time by working with Wells Fargo bank to have them help us implement this more frequent reconciliation that we have not done in the past. The Collector account reconciliation has been completed by the Clerk/Auditor staff in the past. The Clerk/Auditor with be a final reconciliation with the monthly bank statements as a separation of duties between the Treasurer and the Clerk/Auditor.

The Treasurer's office recognizes that the Treasurer management is responsible for reasonable controls in the Treasurer's office and does not make the Clerk/Auditor staff responsible for control responsibilities. However, because the process of reconciliation has worked in the past, the reconciliation by the Clerk/Auditor staff has been a tool to find errors. The Treasurer and Clerk/Auditor staff has a good working relationship and has and will continue to work closely to improve the processes. There has been a continual evolution of regulations and laws regarding internal controls over a long period of time. The Treasurer's office is committed to improve the controls and processes in order for those with oversight of these processes is satisfactory and reasonable to prevent loss in any way to Davis County.

Mark Altom, Treasurer

Date: 3/17/202/

Jonathan Lee, Chief Deputy Treasurer

ate: 3/17/

ATTACHMENT D



Treasurer

Mark Altom Treasurer Jonathan Lee Chief Deputy

March 17, 2021

RE: Bounced check/canceled payment on parcel

On November 16, 2018 there was a cancelled/bounce transaction on a payment that was made by Wells Fargo Real Estate Tax Service on November 15, 2017. Research has determined that this payment was cancelled/bounced in error. The error was discovered when the owner of the property, called and talked to Jonathan.

had just completed a refinance of their mortgage and the title company discovered a delinquency for 2017 taxes.

Mark and Jonathan met with Curtis Koch, Blake Woodall and from the Clerk/Auditor staff on March 11, 2021. The issue was discussed and the conclusion at the end of the meeting was for all of us to meet again the following week.

Mark and Jonathan research all of the bounced checks and returned ACH transactions for the month of November 2018. Every one of these bounced checks and returned ACH payments were cancelled/bounced correctly (Exhibit A) and there was not a bounced check or returned ACH for \$2,263.81. The payment was cancelled/bounced on November 16, 2018. Research on this cancel/bounce is inconclusive whether this was an employee error or a computer error. The funds for this payment were never debited from the Collector bank account. So, from a distribution perspective, the funds from this payment were distributed in December 2017 for the collections from November 2017. Then, when it was cancelled/bounced in error, the funds were taken away from the taxing entities in error. Then, based on discussion with Clerk/Auditor staff and Treasurer staff in the March 11, 2021 meeting it was recommended and supported by those is the meeting to make a payment to parcel without any funds. This payment was made by Jonathan with deposit #352168 (Exhibit B).

The net result of the payment on November 15, 2017, cancel/bounce on November 16, 2018, and the payment made on deposit #52168 are: the funds from the November 2017 payment were distributed to the taxing entities in December 2017; then, the cancel/bounce transaction done in error in November 2018 took the funds away from the taxing entities in December 2018; now, with the payment with deposit #352168 will return the funds to the taxing entities in the April 2021 distribution. At this point, the transaction is balanced and the taxing entities and the taxpayers' parcel is paid in full.

In order to prevent this error to happen in the future, the Treasurer's office is immediately implementing a change in procedure for cancel/bounced transactions. It is also the intent of the Treasurer's office to have Information Systems program controls in the new

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CoreTax computer system to generate reports and require approval of cancel/bounce transactions when they are processed by Treasurer's office management and/or staff. The change in procedure for the Treasurer's office related to Secure Instant Payments (SIP) online and IVR payments is as follows:

- 1) Mark will continue to process the daily files that are generated by SIP. Any reversals of payments for SIP will be processed by Jonathan. Once the payment is reversed. Jonathan will notify Mark, and Mark will make a note in the RealTax log that the payment was reversed and give the reason for the reversal.
- 2) Any returned check or ACH return will be processed by Jonathan. After Jonathan has reversed the payment, Jonathan will give a document to Mark for Mark's review and approval. Then, Mark will give the document to send a letter to the payor, if necessary (SIP is able to send an email to the payor for SIP reversals).

The Treasurer will also implement more frequent Collector account reconciliation, at least weekly, and if feasible, daily reconciliations. This will take a little time by working with Wells Fargo bank to have them help us implement this more frequent reconciliation that we have not done in the past. The Collector account reconciliation has been completed by the Clerk/Auditor staff in the past. The Clerk/Auditor with be a final reconciliation with the monthly bank statements as a separation of duties between the Treasurer and the Clerk/Auditor.

The Treasurer's office recognizes that the Treasurer management is responsible for reasonable controls in the Treasurer's office and does not make the Clerk/Auditor staff responsible for control responsibilities. However, because the process of reconciliation has worked in the past, the reconciliation by the Clerk/Auditor staff has been a tool to find errors. The Treasurer and Clerk/Auditor staff has a good working relationship and has and will continue to work closely to improve the processes. There has been a continual evolution of regulations and laws regarding internal controls over a long period of time. The Treasurer's office is committed to improve the controls and processes in order for those with oversight of these processes is satisfactory and reasonable to prevent loss in any way to Davis County.

Jonathan Lee, Chief Deputy Treasurer 3/25/21

Date:

ATTACHMENT E



Blake Woodall bwoodall@co.davis.ut.us

Fwd: What went on with this receipt: 15753172

Curtis Koch <ckoch@co.davis.ut.us> Mon, Mar 29, 2021 at 1:39 PM

Curtis Koch Davis County Clerk/Auditor o: (801) 451-3491 c: (801) 543-9778



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From: Mark Langston <mark@co.davis.ut.us>

Date: Fri, Mar 26, 2021 at 1:41 PM

Subject: Fwd: What went on with this receipt: 15753172

To: Curtis Koch <ckoch@co.davis.ut.us>, Blake Woodall <bwoodall@co.davis.ut.us>

Here are the findings Kyle sent me. As you review the codes and Kyle's comments. This could not be a computer error.

Mark Langston

Director, Information Systems **Davis County Government** (801) 451-3347



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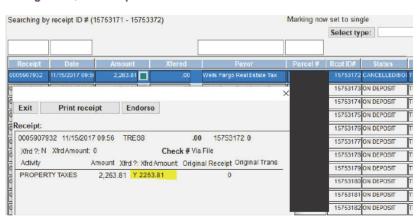
From: Kyle Garfield <kyle@co.davis.ut.us> Date: Fri, Mar 26, 2021 at 1:01 PM

Subject: What went on with this receipt: 15753172

To: Mark Langston <mark@co.davis.ut.us>

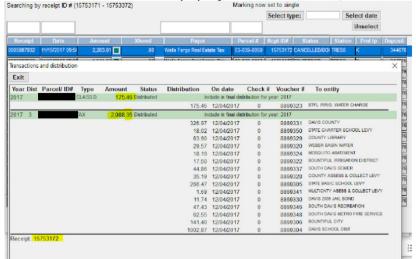
Mark.

To begin with, the receipt was collected on 11/15/2017

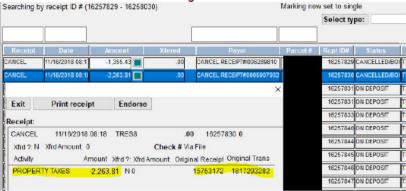


But you notice (yellow highlight) that it was transferred.(we'll get to that in a second

Also want to show that since it hit property taxes when it came in, it was also distributed:



The transfer amount is used when it gets cancelled:

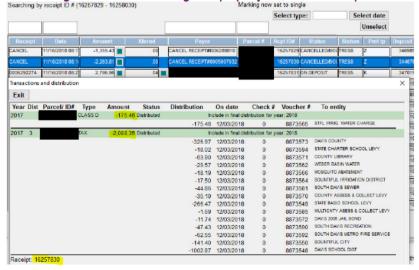


Notice the original receipt is the receipt in question: 15753172.

And the negative amount is coming from property tax, here's the expected distribution:

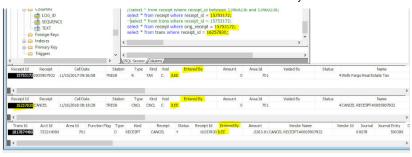
Searching by receipt ID # (16267829 - 16258030)

Marking now set to single



This is the cancelling receipt that gets created when someone goes through the cancel bounce routine I sent to Curits a little while ago (Mar 12, 2021, 3:38 PM).

The steps of that routine include the gathering of an e-signature. I confirmed that the successful e-sig credentials are stored in the entered by fields of the cancellation receipt and associated trans records. While the images from the interface doesn't show the entered by fields, they can be seen by querying the database:



If you'd like I could step you through the code to show the user's name who's e-sig is entered is actually stored in the cancelling receipt entered by fields. That's a pretty "in the weeds" discussion.

The distribution, to and from, worked as expected.

I'll forward the email I sent to Curtis to you about the steps to cancel/bounce a receipt. Which include the pop up requesting an e-sig.

I don't know how we respond to a system glitch accusation.

We could say that the records created by the cancel bounce routine are going to have certain values in certain fields.

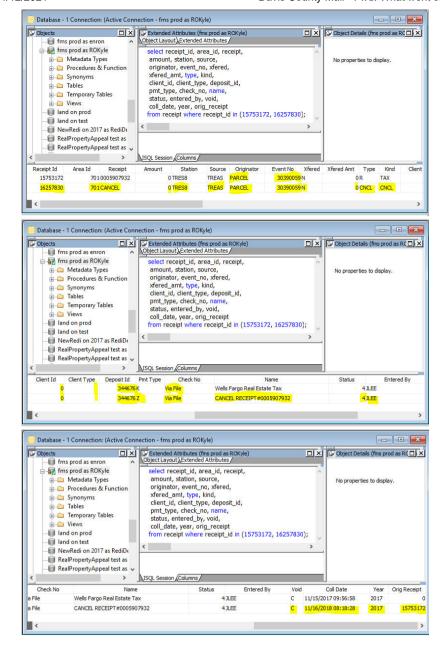
e.g.

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u_cst_post_pmts (realtax) (C:\ProjectsPB\tax\tax_common.pbl) inherited from
   🐷 Script - of cancelreceipt (long all receiptid, string as station, string as enteredby ) r

∨ I of_cancelreceipt (long al_receiptid ∨
       long ||_receipt, ||_row, ||_trans, ||_rows, n, ||_tax_trans, ||_return, ||_origT
       long || receiptIds[]
       string Is_receipt = 'CANCEL', Is_find, Is_recName, Is_period
       decimal Id_amount, Id_paid, Id_bal, Id_adjust
    u_cst_post_pmts (realtax) (C:\ProjectsPB\tax\tax_common.pbl) inherited from nonvisualobject - User Object
Script - of_cancelreceipt (long al_receiptid, string as_station, string as_enteredby) returns intege

✓ I of_cancelreceipt (long al_receiptid, string as_station, ✓
       ids receipt.setitem(|| row, receipt id', || receipt)
        ids_receipt.setitem(Il_row,'area_id',701)
       ids_receipt.setitem(Il_row,'receipt',ls_receipt)
       ids_receipt.setitem(Il_row, 'amount',0)
ids_receipt.setitem(Il_row, 'station', left(trim(as_station),10))
        ids_receipt.setitem(Il_row,'source','TREAS')
       ids\_receipt.setitem(II\_row, 'originator', ids\_receipt.getitemstring(1, 'originator')) \\ ids\_receipt.setitem(III\_row, 'event\_no', ids\_receipt.getitemnumber(1, 'event\_no'))
        ids_receipt.setitem(Il_row,'xfered','N')
       ids_receipt.setitem(Il_row,'xfered_amt',0)
       ids_receipt.setitem(Il_row,'type','CNCL')
        ids_receipt.setitem(II_row,'kind','CNCL')
       ids\_receipt.setitem(II\_row, 'client\_id', ids\_receipt.getitemnumber(1, 'client\_id'))
       ids_receipt.setitem(II_row,'client_type',ids_receipt.getitemstring(1,'client_type'))
ids_receipt.setitem(II_row,'deposit_id',ids_receipt.getitemnumber(1,'deposit_id'))
       ids_receipt.setitem(Il_row,'pmt_type','Z')
       ids_receipt.setitem(ll_row,'check_no',ids_receipt.getitemstring(1,'check_no'))
ls_recName = 'CANCEL RECEIPT#' + ids_receipt.getitemstring(1,'receipt')
       ids_receipt.setitem(Il_row,'name',Is_recName)
       ids_receipt.setitem(II_row,'status',4)
ids_receipt.setitem(II_row,'entered_by',left(trim(as_enteredBy),20))
        ids_receipt.setitem(II_row,'void','C')
       ids_receipt.setitem(Il_row,'coll_date',today())
ids_receipt.setitem(Il_row,'year',ids_receipt.getitemstring(1,'year'))
        ids_receipt.setitem(ll_row,'orig_receipt',al_receiptID)
of_cancelreceipt (Event List \Function List \Declare Instance Variables /
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The highlighted fields match as though they were created by the code above with is from the cancelreceipt function:



All the fields in the cancelling receipt record match what would have been created if the cancelreceipt function were called. The cases where values from the two rows are highlighted is when it was supposed to copy what was in the original record to the cancelling one.

So that goes against the system glitch accusation. At least it means that the records were created by the routine we suggest would have created them after an e-sig was entered.

Let me know if you'd like anything else. I'll forward this to you and teh e-mail with the steps and give your phone a ring.

Kyle