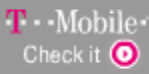


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NEWS IN BRIEF

State sues 2 more Net payday lending firms

The office of Arkansas Attorney General Mike Beebe has sued two more Internet rebate payday lending firms, principals of which were sued earlier this year.


The payday lenders are Jonesboro Money Online.net and Crossett Cash.net. The officers and members of each firm are Dwight Blake, Elaine Blake, Phyllis Blake, Robert Blake and Yvonne Blake.

The Blakes also are officers of Money In A Flash.net of Arkansas and Magnolia Money.net, sued earlier this year by the attorney general's office.

The lawsuits against Jonesboro Money Online.net and Crossett Cash.net indicate each offered rebates from \$100 to \$300 payable immediately after the customer signed an "Internet access" contract.

The payment plans varied from \$20 a week for two years for a \$100 "rebate" - or total of \$480 in payments - to a payment of \$60 every two weeks for one year for a \$300 "rebate" - or \$1,560 in payments.

The lawsuits say the companies had no intent of providing Internet access but were actually making "unconscionable" loans.



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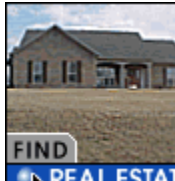
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