

## **Terrebonne Parish Sheriff's Office**

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## <u>What if my mortgage company has collected taxes each month in an</u> <u>escrow account and they have not paid it by December 31st. Should I</u> <u>pay the property tax before contacting my mortgage company to protect</u> <u>my property?</u>

Answer: It is recommended that you contact your mortgage company and ask why they have not paid the tax before you make a payment. The Terrebonne Parish Sheriff's Office accepts and posts the first payment we receive. If you pay first and the mortgage company later mails us payment for your tax account, we will have to send the mortgage company their money back. Then you will have to get your money back from the mortgage company, which in many instances is very difficult. If this situation occurs, the Terrebonne Parish Sheriff's Office will not reverse this transaction and will not refund the payment to you.