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Vacaville Man Convicted of Passing Fraudulent Checks at Cache Creek Casino

(Woodland, CA) – District Attorney Jeff Reisig announced that on November 5, 2009, a Yolo County jury convicted 39-year-old Vacaville resident, Theron Daniel Wharton II, of two felonies: passing a fictitious check and second-degree burglary.

On October 31, 2008, Wharton went to Cache Creek Casino at 3:00 a.m. and attempted to cash two fraudulent Visa traveler's checks. When told that there would be a wait while cashiers attempted to verify the traveler's checks, Wharton left the casino leaving behind the traveler's checks and his California Driver's License.

District Attorney Jeff Reisig stated, "When someone passes fraudulent checks we all pay. The losses are passed on to the consumer. I am extremely proud of my office's check prosecution efforts."

The defendant has arrest warrants outstanding and several felony convictions from the state of Oregon. He will be back in court and sentenced to a possible three years in state prison on December 17, 2009.

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