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District Attorney Recovers Nearly \$300,000 for Victims of Bad Check Writers

(Woodland, CA) – January 19, 2011 - District Attorney Jeff Reisig announced that 2010 was a very successful year in the Yolo County District Attorney Check Prosecution Unit. A total of \$283,500 was collected for Yolo County merchants and residents. The value of the 1629 checks that were referred in 2010 totaled \$567,900.

“Much of the money was paid to the victims by check writers before criminal proceedings were initiated. Once criminal complaints are filed and arrest warrants are issued, the court supervises the payments of restitution,” stated District Attorney Reisig.

It is not uncommon for check writers to “bounce” checks to businesses or individuals. These checks are generally written on checking accounts with non-sufficient funds (NSF) or on CLOSED ACCOUNTS. If businesses or individuals in Yolo County have been unable to get cooperation from the check writers, they are encouraged to contact the DA Check Program. While stolen and forged checks must be reported to local law enforcement agencies, NSF and CLOSED ACCOUNT checks can be submitted to the District Attorney Check Program for investigation.

For more information about the DA Check Program, call (530)666-8200 or contact the program at 301 Second Street, Woodland Ca 95695. Any merchant or resident needing check forms can pick them up at their local Chamber of Commerce office located at:

Woodland Chamber, 301 1st Street

Winters Chamber, C/O Winters Visitor Center, 11 Main Street

Davis Chamber, 130 G Street

West Sacramento Chamber, 1414 Merkley Ave\Or by logging onto the DA web site at

www.yoloda.org/forms/htm

GENERAL INFORMATION TO THE PUBLIC – When you close an account or change banks and need to dispose of old checks, do not simply throw them away. Destroy old checks so they may not be used fraudulently.

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