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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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## District Attorney Recovers Over \$350,000 for Victims of Bad Check Writers

**(Woodland, CA)** – **January 4, 2013** - District Attorney Jeff Reisig announced that 2012 was a very successful year in the Yolo County District Attorney Check Prosecution Unit. The District Attorney collected \$368,620 for Yolo County merchants and residents.

"The goal is to encourage payment prior to filing criminal charges. The vast majority 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 are 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 are not used fraudulently.

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