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District Attorney Recovers Over \$188,000 for Victims of Bad Check Writers

(Woodland, CA) - January 20, 2016 - District Attorney Jeff Reisig announced that the Yolo County District Attorney Check Prosecution Unit collected a total of \$188,260 for Yolo County merchants and residents in 2015.

"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.

If businesses or individuals in Yolo County have been unable to get cooperation from a check writer who has "bounced" a check, they are encouraged to contact the District Attorney's Check Program. While stolen and forged checks must be reported to local law enforcement agencies, checks written with Non-Sufficient Funds or from a CLOSED ACCOUNT 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. Check Complaint Forms can be found at <u>www.yoloda.org/forms</u> or you can pick them up at your local Chamber of Commerce office.

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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