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District Attorney Recovers Restitution for Victims of Bad Check Writers

(Woodland, CA) – August 4, 2017 - District Attorney Jeff Reisig announced that past year has been very successful for the Yolo County District Attorney Check Prosecution Unit. For the fiscal year 2016-2017, a total of \$161,813 in restitution was collected for Yolo County merchants and residents, and the total value of the checks that were referred was \$293,198.

"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. If businesses or individuals in Yolo County have been unable to get cooperation from the check writer, 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 www.yoloda.org/forms 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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