



**Sonoma County District Attorney
Bad Check Restitution Program**
PO Box 8549
Santa Rosa, CA 95407-8549



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Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

OFFICIAL NOTICE - IMMEDIATE ATTENTION REQUIRED

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Phone: (888)692-1469
Date of Notice: 11/18/2008
Case #:
Balance Due: \$329.23
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The Sonoma County Bad Check Restitution Program has received a report(s) of criminal activity alleging you may have violated California Penal Code Section 476(a), "Passing a Worthless Check." A conviction under this statute is punishable by up to one (1) year in the county jail, or in state prison, and up to \$1,000.00 in fines. See page 3 for details on the party(s) initiating this allegation.

If you do not dispute the passing of the worthless check and prefer to avoid court appearance by participating in the Sonoma County District Attorney Diversion Program, the Diversion Program has two steps that you can voluntarily elect to:

1. Pay full restitution on all reported checks, plus any administrative, returned item, and program fees.
2. Attend a Financial Accountability class.

The District Attorney's Office will not initiate prosecution proceedings against individuals who comply and complete the Diversion Program.

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Failure to pay in full and schedule class within TEN (10) DAYS from the date of this Notice may result in your case being forwarded for possible criminal prosecution.

PLEASE CALL (888)692-1469 TO MAKE PAYMENT/SCHEDULE CLASS

Please have your case number ready:

PAYMENTS ACCEPTED: CREDIT & DEBIT CARDS, WESTERN UNION, MONEY ORDERS, OR CASHIER'S CHECK

The Diversion Program is an optional alternative to court proceedings. If you successfully comply, there will be no criminal, police, or court record of this matter.

For additional information or if you believe you received this Notice in error, please see the reverse side.

Sincerely,

William J. Brockley
Chief Deputy District Attorney

See reverse side →

To Make Payment/Schedule Class, Call (888)692-1469 or www.checkprogram.com

Case Number: Password:

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■ **IF YOU BELIEVE YOU RECEIVED THIS NOTICE IN ERROR OR WISH TO DISPUTE THIS NOTICE IN WRITING:**

- Review your records CAREFULLY
- Call the District Attorney's Bad Check Restitution Program Office at (888)692-1469
- Ask for a Case Coordinator
- Explain the error
- The Case Coordinator will ask you to fax or mail in documentation of the error. With cases involving stop payments on checks or performance disputes, please consult a Case Coordinator for more information.
- You may dispute the validity of this allegation in writing to this Office within 30 days of receiving this Notice. Upon submitting your written dispute not later than 30 days after receiving this Notice (along with any relevant supporting documentation), an authorized member of this Office will make a determination as to the validity of this written dispute and that there is probable cause to believe that a crime has been committed before any further restitution efforts are pursued.
- Fax or mail your case documentation to: **Fax: (800) 227-3041**

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■ **IF YOU BELIEVE YOU RECEIVED THIS NOTICE AS A RESULT OF IDENTITY THEFT, FORGERY, THEFT, OR OTHER FRAUD:**

You will be required to promptly provide further written documentation to support your claim. If you are a victim of identity theft, you will need to go to the bank to obtain and sign an identity theft affidavit. If you were not the victim of identity theft but did not write the check(s), you will need to go to the bank to obtain and sign an affidavit of forgery that you did not write the check(s) in question. In most cases, if you believe the check(s) were stolen or forged, you will also be required to file a police report.

■ **IF YOU BELIEVE YOU WERE NOT PROPERLY NOTIFIED:**

The District Attorney's Office accepts ONLY reports of bad check criminal activity from those businesses or parties that have DOCUMENTED attempts to notify you according to California State Law. In addition to notification from the party you issued the check to, banks routinely send customers notice of returned items. Non-sufficient funds (NSF) checks also appear on your monthly account statement. **PLEASE CHECK YOUR RECORDS CAREFULLY.**

■ **IF YOU HAVE ALREADY PAID THE MERCHANT OR FILING PARTY:**

Please fax or mail documentation that the merchant or filing party received payment BEFORE the date of this Notice. Appropriate documentation consists of a receipt of payment to the merchant and/or a cleared copy (front and back) of repayment to the merchant. Allow our Office fourteen (14) days to process your information before calling. Our Office will determine the appropriate course of action and contact you by phone and/or letter.

■ **IF YOU WANT TO APPEAR IN COURT:**

If you want to contest this action and appear in court, **you may want to consult an attorney. Personal bankruptcies DO NOT void responsibility in a criminal matter.** Contact this Office and inform us of your decision.

■ **OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

Completion of the Bad Check Restitution Program is valid ONLY if you comply with ALL District Attorney requirements. Failure to pay all restitution and program fees or attend class may subject you to criminal court proceedings. Should you be permitted to comply using payment plans, such payments may be allocated ratably between restitution and program fees until both obligations are fully satisfied. Program fees are non-refundable. You may wish to consult an attorney to obtain legal advice about your rights in regards to this matter.

The Program does not accept personal checks. Sending a personal check for payment shall be deemed sufficient authorization to complete the payment via electronic debit. By doing so, your checking account will be debited for the amount of the check and your cancelled check will not be returned to your bank. Electronic debit entries returned for insufficient or uncollected funds may be resubmitted two times following the return of the original entry.

Payments exceeding the balance due by more than \$2.00 will be returned.

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BALANCE DUE ON 11/29/2008

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PAYMENT OPTIONS:

1. INTERNET www.checkprogram.com
Case Number:
Password:
Credit and Debit Cards

2. PHONE (888)692-1469
Credit and Debit Cards or Western Union

3. MAIL **Sonoma County District Attorney**
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Money Orders and Cashier's Checks Only

VICTIM	CHECK #	DATE	AMOUNT	RETURNED ITEM FEE	ADMIN FEE	TOTAL THIS CHECK
	189 C	7/26/2008	\$119.23	\$10.00	\$35.00	\$164.23
Financial Accountability Class Fee						\$165.00
*** Additional service fee may be due victim. ***						
TOTAL BALANCE DUE:						\$329.23

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