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Re: Bad Check Prosecution

Dear Business Owner,

As State's Attorney, I have laid down very specific procedures designed to make it easier for you to prosecute and offender who violated the Illinois law on Deceptive Practice (commonly referred to as "bad check cases"). It is the State's Attorney's office's intention to work with the police and you to prosecute every case where we have the necessary information to proceed with criminal charges.

In order to prosecute someone for issuing a bad check to you under Illinois law, we need the following things:

1. The offender must have issued a check (for any amount) at a time when he/she received goods or services or issued a check for over \$150.00 for payment of an amount owed on a credit transaction.
2. You will be required to submit the check to the issuer's bank on two separate occasions at least 7 days apart.
3. The person who accepted the check must be able to identify the offender. The police may attempt to have identification done through a photograph during the investigation.
4. We ask that you do not accept post-dated checks, or agree to hold a check prior to presentment to the bank, or accept partial payment on a bad check you want prosecuted.

Please keep in mind identification is the most difficult problem with these types of cases. Before a judge will issue a warrant of arrest, we must be able to prove that a known person is the offender (i.e., that the check wasn't forged by someone other than the person named on the check).

We appreciate your help in making sure the above steps are followed and completing the attached form prior to speaking with a police officer and making a report. This will maximize the investigating officer's time when dealing with this very serious and often complex crime.

Sincerely,

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Justice Center
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Civil Division
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Waukegan IL 60085
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Child Support Enforcement
33 N. County Street
Waukegan IL 60085
(847) 377-3125
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Children's Advocacy Center
323 N. West Street
Waukegan IL 60085
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Juvenile Trial Division
Robert W. Depke
Juvenile Justice Complex
24647 N. Milwaukee Avenue
Vernon Hills IL 60061
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Bad Check Complaint Form

Please fill out the following information to help us prosecute the offender who gave you a bad check. You should also attach a copy of the front and back of each bad check.

VICTIM DATA	
NAME OF BUSINESS / PERSON SUFFERING LOSS ON CHECK (SPECIFIC LEGAL NAME OF COMPANY):	
BUSINESS / PERSON ADDRESS:	
WORK PHONE: ()	HOME PHONE: ()
PERSON WHO ACCEPTED CHECK:	ACCEPTOR'S OCCUPATION:
ACCEPTOR'S ADDRESS:	
ACCEPTOR'S WORK PHONE: ()	ACCEPTOR'S HOME PHONE (KEPT CONFIDENTIAL): ()

CHECK DATA	
NAME OF ACCOUNT HOLDER:	PHONE: ()
ADDRESS OF ACCOUNT HOLDER:	
NAME OF BANK:	ACCOUNT NUMBER:
ADDRESS OF BANK:	

OFFENDER DATA						
SEX	RACE	AGE	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	HAIR COLOR	EYE COLOR
OTHER DESCRIPTION (CLOTHING, ETC.):						
TYPE OF IDENTIFICATION USED (LICENSE, ID CARD, ETC):				ID NUMBER / STATE:		
VEHICLE DESCRIPTION (COLOR, MAKE, MODEL, YEAR, LICENSE PLATE) – IF APPLICABLE/KNOWN:						

