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Staple original or bank-generated substitute check here

(Required)



BAD CHECK CRIME REPORT BROWARD COUNTY STATE ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Victim Services, Inc. Mail Processing **Bad Check Program Address:** P.O. Box 350160 Miami, FL 33135-0160

Bad Check Program Contact:

(866) 889-5702 - Merchant Hotline (866) 889-5646 - Check Writer Hotline (Please refer check writer to the "check writer" hotline)

For more information: checkprogram.com/browardcountyfl

Step
1
Confirm
Eligibility

The following types of checks are ineligible for the program:

- *Two-party checks
 - wo-party checks Partially
- *Payroll or credit card checks *Checks passed outside of Broward County
- *Partially re-paid checks *Post/pre dated or altered checks
- *Fraudulent or stamped lost/stolen/forged
- *Checks you agreed to hold before depositing

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Step	Victim/Merch	ant Name:						
2 Victim Information	Contact Name: Title:							
	Victim Contac (Required)	et Information:						
	Phone:Fax:							
	Address:			City:	State:	Zip Code:		
Step 3 Check Writer Information	Check Writer's Name:				Driver's License # / Other ID #:			
	Address:			Apt:	State:	Date of Birth:		
	City:			State: Zip Code:	Other ID	e (if annlicable)		
	Home Phone:		Other	Phone: ()				
	A "Statutory Notice" must be sent to recover the bad check(s) in question to the check writer via U.S. Certified Mail or by First Class Mail with an Affidavit of Mailing. The check writer has 15 days to respond and remit payment. If no attempt has been made, the check is not eligible for prosecution. (See sample statutory notice on back.)							
Step 4 Check Information	Ck. No.	Date Passed	\$ Amount	\$ Amount Name of person accepting che (if no longer employed please list man		Can person ID check writer?		
						□Yes ##□#No		
						□Yes ##□#No		
						□Yes ##□#No		

Step 5 Victim Verification

Sign & date

City:

- I will <u>not</u> accept direct payment from the check writer after filing this report with the Program. Please refer check writer to (866) 889-5646.
- I understand that the check writer has the option to dispute this claim in writing with the Bad Check Program.
- If this crime report is not completely filled out it may delay this case from moving forward.

Address where check was accepted (if different than above in Step 2):

- I attest that I have sent statutory notice to the check writer at last known address and after 15 days it remains unpaid.
- I have reviewed the filing instructions, I hereby affirm and attest <u>under penalty of perjury</u>, that all information provided on this crime report is true to the best of my knowledge.

State:

Zip Code:

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Signature of Person Filing (Required)	Print Name of Person Filing	Date Filed

For additional information and crime reports: checkprogram.com/browardcountyfl

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Date								
Dear check writer:								
You are hereby notified that check numberedin the face amount of \$, issued by you on drawn uponbank, and payable to, has been dishonored. Pursuant to Florida Law you have 15 days from the date of this notice to tender payment of the full amount of such check, plus a service charge of \$25, if the face value does not exceed \$50; \$30, if the face value exceeds \$50 but does not exceed \$300; \$40, if the face value exceeds \$300 or an amount of up to 5% OF THE FACE AMOUNT OF THE CHECK, WHICHEVER IS GREATER. The total amount due being:Dollars and								
Person/Firm								
City, State, Zip								

Bad Check Program Information

As a victim of a bad check you may file this report with the Broward County State Attorney, provided there is sufficient information, and that the check meets all eligibility guidelines. The Broward County State Attorney's Office will seek full restitution for victims whenever possible; however, please keep in mind that the Bad Check Restitution Program can make no recovery guarantees. By submitting the check to the program you surrender control of the check to criminal process and forego the opportunity to pursue civil debt collections.

Check writers are encouraged to make payments in full. Should a partial payment be received, the payment will be allocated between the victim and the Bad Check Program. "Restitution" refers to the face value of all checks listed on this report.

A check will be deemed ineligible and returned to you to pursue a civil remedy, if a filed check is later determined to be:

- A stop payment check where the issuer acted in good faith and with reasonable cause in stopping payment,
- A check issued by someone not competent or of legal age,
- A check dishonored due to bank error or failure to notify the check writer of bank adjustment of a check,
- A check issued to pay an obligation arising from an illegal transaction.

What to do after my crime report is filed with the Program

- Please <u>do not</u> accept direct payments from check writers. Should the check writer contact you to make payment, refer them to the Check Writer Hotline at (866) 889-5646.
- You may contact Victim Services for case updates at (866) 889-5702 anytime.
- Please allow a minimum of 90 days to pursue restitution.
- If the check writer does not comply with the Program, the case may be reviewed for possible criminal prosecution.
- If we are unable to recover restitution and/or the check is not "eligible" for prosecution, you may request the check(s) be returned to pursue a civil remedy.

Filing Instructions

- 1. Fill out Crime Report completely and/or go to https://merchants.checkprogram.com// for electronic filing (requires scanner).
- 2. Attach copies of original or legal copies of ALL checks (including front and back of checks) and all supporting documents such as CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT OR UNDELIVERED LETTER, OR AFFIDAVIT OF MAIL OF WORTHLESS CHECK BY FIRST CLASS MAIL, COPY OF "STATUTORY NOTICE" mailed to the check writer.
- 3. Mail Bad Check Crime Report and all other correspondence to:

Victim Services, Inc. Mail Processing Broward County Bad Check Restitution Program P.O. Box 350160, Miami, FL 33135-0160

4. Once a report has been filed: ALL restitution payments must be coordinated by the State Attorney's Office. Should the check writer contact you to make payment, direct them to the Bad Check Restitution Program at (866) 889-5646.

DO NOT ACCEPT PAYMENT DIRECTLY FROM CHECKWRITER.