

Worthless Check Florida statutes 832.07

Date _____

Dear _____ check writer:

You are hereby notified that check numbered _____ in the face amount of \$ _____, issued by you on _____ drawn upon _____ bank, 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 _____ cents.

Unless this amount is paid in full within the time specified above, the holder of such check may turn over the dishonored check and all other available information relating to this incident to the State Attorney for criminal prosecution review. You may be additionally liable in a civil action for triple the amount of the check, but in no case less than \$50, together with the amount of the check, a service charge, court costs, reasonable attorney fees, and incurred bank fees, as provided in s.68.065

Person/Firm _____
Giving notice _____
Address _____
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 **do not** 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.
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