

DISPUTES AND OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

■ IF YOU BELIEVE YOU RECEIVED THIS NOTICE WAS SENT TO YOU IN ERROR AND WISH TO DISPUTE, YOU MUST NOTIFY US IN WRITING:

- Review your records CAREFULLY
- Call the State Attorney's Bad Check Restitution Program Office at (800)832-7361
- 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.

■ 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 State 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 Florida Statutes. 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.

- Fax or mail your case documentation to: Fax: (800) 227-3041

Miami - Dade County State Attorney
Bad Check Restitution Program
PO Box 350160
Miami, FL 33135-0160

■ IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO CONTEST THIS IN WRITING AND WISH TO APPEAR IN COURT:

If you want to contest this action or 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:

Successful completion of the Bad Check Restitution Program requires that you fulfill ALL State Attorney requirements. Failure to pay full restitution and program fees or attend class may subject you to criminal court proceedings. Payments made pursuant to a payment plan 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 once following the return of the original entry.

Payments exceeding the balance due by more than \$5.00 will be returned, less a \$5.00 handling fee.

To Make Payment/Schedule Class, Call (800)832-7361 or www.checkprogram.com

Case Number:

Password:

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

