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MODESTO, CALIFORNIA – Stanislaus County District Attorney Jim Brazelton announced today that since its inception in 1996, the District Attorney's Bad Check Restitution Program has recovered over 1.5 million dollars as restitution for insufficient checks written to local merchants and citizens. All of the monies collected are returned to the persons who accepted the bad checks. In addition, the persons writing the checks are required to attend a counseling class in lieu of criminal prosecution.

Information regarding the program may be obtained by contacting Sharon Letica at (877) 607-2780 or your local law enforcement agency or chamber of commerce.