



WHARTON COUNTY CONSTABLE

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The Justice of the Peace and Constable's Office in Precinct #2 want to further assist you in the recovery of lost funds due to bad or "Hot" checks. This has always been a priority of ours, but in the past year, we have seen an increase of bad check cases filed. Due to this increase, both Judge Cynthia Kubicek and I, have set a goal to help decrease your loss due to bad checks.

Every time a merchant accepts a check in good faith, he or she expects to gain a profit and in return extends the customer a convenience. When that check is returned for reasons of, "INSUFFICIENT FUNDS" or "ACCOUNT CLOSED", the merchant not only suffers the loss of the expected profit, but he or she also loses the cost of the service or the item provided and also incurs an extra cost in accounting and collection fees. These cost are ultimately passed on to the consumer.


In Texas, it is unlawful to write a worthless check under Section 32.41 of the Texas Penal Code. This statute deals with the direct exchange of a worthless check for goods and services and the mere introduction of a worthless check into commerce. The law allows anyone who has received a worthless check, up to \$1500 dollars, to file charges with their local Justice of the Peace.

In addition to the previous information to help prevent the passage of bad checks, the Justice of the Peace and Constable's Office is distributing Hot Check Warning Signs to be place in all stores and business free of charge. We hope that this will bring further attention to offenders that businesses, law enforcement, and the justice courts are serious about the passing of bad checks. The Hot Check Warning Signs come in two styles, 8 1/2" X 11" sign which can be placed on the wall and a 6" X 8" sign that can be secured to the counter where the checks are written. We are aware that this will not eliminate bad checks from being passed, but hopefully this will deter some of our offenders.

If you have any further questions, comments or need additional signs, please feel free to contact either Judge Kubicek or myself at the above telephone numbers.



Judge Cynthia Kubicek
Wharton County Justice of the Peace
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