

ROGERS POLICE DEPARTMENT – CHECK/CREDIT OR FORGERY REPORT



Date Reported: _____ Time: _____ Case: _____

Date of Incident: _____ Time of Incident: _____ Officer / Badge: _____

Location of Incident: _____

CHECKS - REQUIREMENTS

NON-SUFFICIENT FUNDS (NSF) ACCOUNT CLOSED NO ACCOUNT

When you receive a check back from the bank with one of the above notations, you must send a Demand for Payment notice **and** the relevant statutory information (attached). This is to be sent Certified Mail with a return receipt requested or by regular mail if you complete a **NOTORIZED** Affidavit of Mail Service (attached).

If your notice does not bring a resolution to the returned check after **five** business days, complete the remainder of this Report. Original certified mail receipt or affidavit **must** be provided to the Police Department to affirm proper notifications. If certified letter goes unclaimed, include the original unclaimed letter. After five days of making demand, return this completed report with receipt/affidavit to the Rogers Police Department for further investigation. Please include the original check, if unavailable include a photocopy of the front & back of the check.

The Rogers Police Department will accept checks for investigation ONLY:

1. If the crime occurred in Rogers.
2. When the MN picture DL or ID card is used for identification.
3. NSF notification listed above has been completed & five days have lapsed without remitting payment.
4. If they are less than 45 days old from date of issue.
5. If they are returned by the bank stamped "Account Closed".
6. If they are returned by the bank stamped "Forgery".

The Police Department will NOT accept for investigation:

1. A check written for past consideration (i.e. a bill for an item). This is not a dishonored check. Nothing has changed; the person still owes you money.
2. Out-of-state checks.
3. Post-dated checks.
4. Checks marked "Stop payment." – This is civil between you and the check writer
5. Third party checks.
6. Checks where the MN DL/ID is not used for identification.
7. Checks that are over 45 days old from date of issue.

FORGERY

CREDIT/DEBIT CARD FORGERY CHECK FORGERY APPLICATION/DOCUMENT

If you are a victim of a forgery please complete the remainder of this report. By signing this report you are certifying the signature in question is not yours nor was it authorized by you to be signed on your behalf. Additionally, you did not permit anyone to use your identity to apply for/receive credit in your name. You must complete a **NOTORIZED** Affidavit of Forgery (attached). Once completed, return this completed report with affidavit to the Rogers Police Department for further investigation. Please include a photocopy of the forged signature; the Officer will take the original document as evidence if it's available.

COMPLAINANT

First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____ DOB: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home: _____ Cell: _____ Work: _____

Title: _____ Check issued to **BUSINESS** Business: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

CARD INFO	CREDIT <input type="checkbox"/> DEBIT <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER <input type="checkbox"/> _____ FINANCIAL INSTITUTION : _____ EXP _____
	VISA <input type="checkbox"/> MASTERCARD <input type="checkbox"/> DISCOVER <input type="checkbox"/> AMERICAN EXPRESS <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER <input type="checkbox"/> _____ DATE: _____
	AMOUNT: _____ ACCOUNT#: _____ DATE/TIME REPORTED TO FI: _____
CHECK INFORMATION	BUSINESS <input type="checkbox"/> PERSONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PAYROLL <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER <input type="checkbox"/> _____ FINANCIAL INSTITUTION DRAWN ON: _____
	ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____ DATED: _____
	AMOUNT: _____ ROUTING #: _____ ACCOUNT#: _____
	ISSUED TO: _____ MAKERS SIGNATURE: _____
	MERCHANDISE RECEIVED OR SERVICES RENDERED: _____ _____ _____

Was this document accepted in person or by mail? IN PERSON MAIL

If accepted in Person, who accepted the document? _____

Can you personally ID the person who signed the document? YES NO

If no, is there anyone you know of who may have witnessed the signature? YES NO

If yes, please list names, addresses and phone numbers: _____

Is there surveillance footage of this transaction and/or signature? YES NO Where? _____

If this is a check, has the party made or offered to make full or partial restitution on the check? YES NO

If yes, please explain manner of contact/payment and include dates _____

Any additional information you'd like to provide? _____

A criminal complaint does not guarantee economic recovery of your loss. The Police Department is not a collection agency and will not act in that manner. You may want to file a civil claim; online information is located at <http://www.mncourts.gov/district/4/?page=830> or you may call Hennepin County Conciliation Court at (612) 348-2713.

See attached documents for NSF checks and/or to certify a forged signature.

By signing this report, I certify the above information is true. In the event I have been found to have knowingly falsified this report or omitted pertinent information, I realize I will be subject to criminal prosecution.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

OFFICER SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

NOTICE & DEMAND for PAYMENT of DISHONORED CHECK

DATE: _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

ADDRESS ON CHECK: _____

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A CHECK DATED _____, DRAWN ON THE
_____(BANK/CU NAME) OF _____ (CITY)

IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ _____ BEARING THE SIGNATURE OF _____

HAS BEEN RETURNED UNPAID WITH THE NOTATION THAT PAYMENT HAS BEEN REFUSED

BECAUSE OF: _____

Unless the check is paid within five (5) business days after the mailing of this notice, the payee or holder of the check may refer the matter to proper authorities for prosecution under § 609.535. Also, if the check is not paid within five business days after the mailing of this notice, the drawee will be authorized to release information related to the account to the payee or holder of the check and may also release this information to law enforcement or prosecuting authorities.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to Minnesota Statutes sect. §604.113, if you do not pay the above mentioned check within 30 days after the mailing of this notice, you are liable to the holder of the check for the amount of the check plus a civil penalty of up to \$100, interest at the rate payable on judgments as provided in Minnesota Statutes sect. §549.09 on the face amount of the check from the date of dishonor, and reasonable attorney fees if the amount of the check exceeds \$1250. A service charge not exceeding \$30 may be imposed immediately on any dishonored check, regardless of mailing a notice of dishonor, if written notice of the service charge was conspicuously displayed on the premises when the check was issued. See attached Minnesota State Statute for further details.

ADDITIONALLY, Minnesota Statutes sect. §609.535 provides that whoever issues a check which, at the time of issuance, he/she intends shall not be paid, is guilty of a felony if the value of the dishonored check (or aggregated checks within a six-month period) is more than \$500, a gross misdemeanor if the value is more than \$250 but less than \$500, or a misdemeanor if the value is not more than \$250.

REMIT TO:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

Minnesota State Statute

604.113 ISSUANCE OF WORTHLESS CHECK.

Subdivision 1. Definitions.

(a) The definitions provided in this subdivision apply to this section.

(b) "Check" means a check, draft, order of withdrawal, or similar negotiable or nonnegotiable instrument.

(c) "Credit" means an arrangement or understanding with the drawee for the payment of the check.

(d) "Dishonor" has the meaning given in section [336.3-502](#), but does not include dishonor due to a stop payment order requested by an issuer who has a good faith defense to payment on the check. "Dishonor" does include a stop payment order requested by an issuer if the account did not have sufficient funds for payment of the check at the time of presentment, except for stop payment orders on a check found to be stolen.

(e) "Payee" or "holder" includes an agent of the payee or holder.

Subd. 2. Acts constituting.

Whoever issues any check that is dishonored is liable for the following penalties:

(a) A service charge, not to exceed \$30, may be imposed immediately on any dishonored check by the payee or holder of the check, regardless of mailing a notice of dishonor, if notice of the service charge was conspicuously displayed on the premises when the check was issued. If a law enforcement agency obtains payment of a dishonored check on behalf of the payee or holder, up to the entire amount of the service charge may be retained by the law enforcement agency for its expenses. Only one service charge may be imposed under this paragraph for each dishonored check. The displayed notice must also include a provision notifying the issuer of the check that civil penalties may be imposed for nonpayment.

(b) If the amount of the dishonored check is not paid within 30 days after the payee or holder has mailed notice of dishonor pursuant to section [609.535](#) and a description of the penalties contained in this subdivision, whoever issued the dishonored check is liable to the payee or holder of the check for:

(1) the amount of the check, the service charge as provided in paragraph (a), plus a civil penalty of up to \$100 or the value of the check, whichever is greater. In determining the amount of the penalty, the court shall consider the amount of the check and the reason for nonpayment. The civil penalty may not be imposed until 30 days following the mailing of the notice of dishonor. A payee or holder of the check may make a written demand for payment of the civil liability by sending a copy of this section and a description of the liability contained in this section to the issuer's last known address. Notice as provided in paragraph (a) must also include notification that additional civil penalties will be imposed for dishonored checks for nonpayment after 30 days;

(2) interest at the rate payable on judgments pursuant to section [549.09](#) on the face amount of the check from the date of dishonor; and

(3) reasonable attorney fees if the aggregate amount of dishonored checks issued by the issuer to all payees within a six-month period is over \$1,250.

(c) This subdivision prevails over any provision of law limiting, prohibiting, or otherwise regulating service charges authorized by this subdivision, but does not nullify charges for dishonored checks, which do not exceed the charges in paragraph (a) or terms or conditions for imposing the charges which have been agreed to by the parties in an express contract.

(d) A sight draft may not be used as a means of collecting the civil penalties provided in this section without prior consent of the issuer.

(e) The issuer of a dishonored check is not liable for the penalties described in paragraph (b) if a pretrial diversion program under section [628.69](#) has been established in the jurisdiction where the dishonored check was issued, the issuer was accepted into the program, and the issuer successfully completes the program.

Subd. 3. Notice of dishonor required.

Notice of nonpayment or dishonor that includes a citation to this section and section [609.535](#), and a description of the penalties contained in these sections, shall be sent by the payee or holder of the check to the drawer by certified mail, return receipt requested, or by regular mail, supported by an affidavit of service by mailing, to the address printed or written on the check.

The issuance of a check with an address printed or written on it is a representation by the drawer that the address is the correct address for receipt of mail concerning the check. Failure of the drawer to receive a regular or certified mail notice sent to that address is not a defense to liability under this section, if the drawer has had actual notice for 30 days that the check has been dishonored.

An affidavit of service by mailing shall be retained by the payee or holder of the check.

Subd. 4. Proof of identity.

The check is prima facie evidence of the identity of the issuer if the person receiving the check:

(a) records the following information about the issuer on the check, unless it is printed on the face of the check:

(1) name;

(2) home or work address;

(3) home or work telephone number; and

(4) identification number issued pursuant to section [171.07](#);

(b) compares the issuer's physical appearance, signature, and the personal information recorded on the check with the issuer's identification card issued pursuant to section [171.07](#); and

(c) initials the check to indicate compliance with these requirements.

Subd. 5. Defenses.

Any defense otherwise available to the issuer also applies to liability under this section.

History:

[1983 c 225 s 6](#); [1984 c 576 s 26](#); [1985 c 140 s 1, 2](#); [1991 c 256 s 8, 9](#); [1992 c 565 s 113](#); [1996 c 414 art 1 s 41](#); [1997 c 157 s 65, 66](#); [1999 c 218 s 1](#); [2001 c 204 s 1](#); [2004 c 174 s 3](#)

609.535 ISSUANCE OF DISHONORED CHECKS.

Subdivision 1. Definitions.

For the purpose of this section, the following terms have the meanings given them.

(a) "Check" means a check, draft, order of withdrawal, or similar negotiable or nonnegotiable instrument.

(b) "Credit" means an arrangement or understanding with the drawee for the payment of a check.

Subd. 2. Acts constituting.

Whoever issues a check which, at the time of issuance, the issuer intends shall not be paid, is guilty of issuing a dishonored check and may be sentenced as provided in subdivision 2a. In addition, restitution may be ordered by the court.

Subd. 2a. Penalties.

(a) A person who is convicted of issuing a dishonored check under subdivision 2 may be sentenced as follows:

(1) to imprisonment for not more than five years or to payment of a fine of not more than \$10,000, or both, if the value of the dishonored check, or checks aggregated under paragraph (b), is more than \$500;

(2) to imprisonment for not more than one year or to payment of a fine of not more than \$3,000, or both, if the value of the dishonored check, or checks aggregated under paragraph (b), is more than \$250 but not more than \$500; or

(3) to imprisonment for not more than 90 days or to payment of a fine of not more than \$1,000, or both, if the value of the dishonored check, or checks aggregated under paragraph (b), is not more than \$250.

(b) In a prosecution under this subdivision, the value of dishonored checks issued by the defendant in violation of this subdivision within any six-month period may be aggregated and the defendant charged accordingly in applying this section. When two or more offenses are committed by the same person in two or more counties, the accused may be prosecuted in any county in which one of the dishonored checks was issued for all of the offenses aggregated under this paragraph.

Subd. 3. Proof of intent.

Any of the following is evidence sufficient to sustain a finding that the person at the time the person issued the check intended it should not be paid:

(1) proof that, at the time of issuance, the issuer did not have an account with the drawee;

(2) proof that, at the time of issuance, the issuer did not have sufficient funds or credit with the drawee and that the issuer failed to pay the check within five business days after mailing of notice of nonpayment or dishonor as provided in this subdivision; or

(3) proof that, when presentment was made within a reasonable time, the issuer did not have sufficient funds or credit with the drawee and that the issuer failed to pay the check within five business days after mailing of notice of nonpayment or dishonor as provided in this subdivision.

Notice of nonpayment or dishonor that includes a citation to and a description of the penalties in this section shall be sent by the payee or holder of the check to the maker or drawer by certified mail, return receipt requested, or by regular mail, supported by an affidavit of service by mailing, to the address printed on the check. Refusal by the maker or drawer of the check to accept certified mail notice or failure to claim certified or regular mail notice is not a defense that notice was not received.

The notice may state that unless the check is paid in full within five business days after mailing of the notice of nonpayment or dishonor, the payee or holder of the check will or may refer the matter to proper authorities for prosecution under this section.

An affidavit of service by mailing shall be retained by the payee or holder of the check.

Subd. 4. Proof of lack of funds or credit.

If the check has been protested, the notice of protest is admissible as proof of presentation, nonpayment, and protest, and is evidence sufficient to sustain a finding that there was a lack of funds or credit with the drawee.

Subd. 5. Exceptions.

This section does not apply to a postdated check or to a check given for a past consideration, except a payroll check or a check issued to a fund for employee benefits.

Subd. 6. Release of account information to law enforcement authorities.

A drawee shall release the information specified below to any state, county, or local law enforcement or prosecuting authority which certifies in writing that it is investigating or prosecuting a complaint against the drawer under this section or section [609.52, subdivision 2](#), clause (3), item (i), and that 15 days have elapsed since the mailing of the notice of dishonor required by subdivisions 3 and 8. This subdivision applies to the following information relating to the drawer's account:

- (1) documents relating to the opening of the account by the drawer and to the closing of the account;
- (2) notices regarding nonsufficient funds, overdrafts, and the dishonor of any check drawn on the account within a period of six months of the date of request;
- (3) periodic statements mailed to the drawer by the drawee for the periods immediately prior to, during, and subsequent to the issuance of any check which is the subject of the investigation or prosecution; or
- (4) the last known home and business addresses and telephone numbers of the drawer.

The drawee shall release all of the information described in clauses (1) to (4) that it possesses within ten days after receipt of a request conforming to all of the provisions of this subdivision. The drawee may not impose a fee for furnishing this information to law enforcement or prosecuting authorities.

A drawee is not liable in a criminal or civil proceeding for releasing information in accordance with this subdivision.

Subd. 7. Release of account information to payee or holder.

(a) A drawee shall release the information specified in paragraph (b), clauses (1) to (3) to the payee or holder of a check that has been dishonored who makes a written request for this information and states in writing that the check has been dishonored and that 30 days have elapsed since the mailing of the notice described in subdivision 8 and who accompanies this request with a copy of the dishonored check and a copy of the notice of dishonor.

The requesting payee or holder shall notify the drawee immediately to cancel this request if payment is made before the drawee has released this information.

(b) This subdivision applies to the following information relating to the drawer's account:

- (1) whether at the time the check was issued or presented for payment the drawer had sufficient funds or credit with the drawee, and whether at that time the account was open, closed, or restricted for any reason and the date it was closed or restricted;
- (2) the last known home address and telephone number of the drawer. The drawee may not release the address or telephone number of the place of employment of the drawer unless the drawer is a business entity or the place of employment is the home; and
- (3) a statement as to whether the aggregated value of dishonored checks attributable to the drawer within six months before or after the date of the dishonored check exceeds \$250; for purposes of this clause, a check is not dishonored if payment was not made pursuant to a stop payment order.

The drawee shall release all of the information described in clauses (1) to (3) that it possesses within ten days after receipt of a request conforming to all of the provisions of this subdivision. The drawee may require the person requesting the information to pay the reasonable costs, not to exceed 15 cents per page, of reproducing and mailing the requested information.

(c) A drawee is not liable in a criminal or civil proceeding for releasing information in accordance with this subdivision.

Subd. 8. Notice.

The provisions of subdivisions 6 and 7 are not applicable unless the notice to the maker or drawer required by subdivision 3 states that if the check is not paid in full within five business days after mailing of the notice, the drawee will be authorized to release information relating to the account to the payee or holder of the check and may also release this information to law enforcement or prosecuting authorities.

History:

1963 c 753 art 1 s 609, 535; 1967 c 466 s 1; 1971 c 23 s 56; 1974 c 106 s 1, 2; 1981 c 202 s 1; 1981 c 247 s 1-3; 1983 c 225 s 10; 1984 c 436 s 34; 1985 c 140 s 3; 1986 c 444; 1988 c 527 s 2, 3; 1991 c 256 s 11-13; 1992 c 569 s 26; 1999 c 218 s 3; 2004 c 228 art 1 s 72

