

STAMFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

PROPERTY CRIMES - BAD CHECK INVESTIGATION CRITERIA

1. The Check must exceed \$100.00.
2. The Check must be stamped "Insufficient Funds" AND "Do Not Redeposit" or holes punched in the bottom of the check where the account number is printed. "Account Closed" fulfills the requirement.
3. The check must have been presented and/or accepted in Stamford, CT.
4. The check was issued by a Stamford resident and mailed out of state.
5. The following checks do not qualify:
 - a. Post dated, Pre-dated and Undated
 - b. Third Party checks. Complainant must have been issued the check.
 - c. Stop payment checks.
 - d. Business or corporation checks.
 - e. Utility Payment checks.
 - f. Deposit checks for merchandise to be delivered at a later date.
 - g. Deposit checks for contractors.
 - h. Doctor bills.
 - i. Debt payment checks.
 - j. Payment toward an outstanding balance on a credit account.
 - k. Rent payment checks. *EXCEPTION: First month rent check.*
 - l. Checks for which partial payments been accepted.
 - m. Check issued to make good a Bad Check.
6. The check, if issued to a business, must bear the acceptor's initials and date as they may be called upon to testify.
7. The check must have recorded on it the presenter's Driver's License number and issuing state. This information must be clearly recorded in the upper left corner of the check.
8. The check must have been presented at the bank within 30 days of having received the check.
9. The complaint must be made to The Stamford Police Department within 90 days of receiving the check.
10. The complainant must have sent, by certified mail, return receipt requested, a demand letter, to the last known address of the check issuer, requesting that restitution be made. Eight days must have past since the issuer received such letter. The original demand letter along with the Return Receipt must be placed into Property with City and State Property Sheets completed. **A copy of the letter, Return Receipt and Property Sheets must accompany the report.**
11. **THE ORIGINAL CHECK MUST BE PLACED INTO PROPERTY AND LISTED ON THE CITY AND STATE SHEET. A COPY OF THE CHECK (FRONT AND BACK) MUST BE ATTACHED TO THE REPORT.**
12. **A SEPARATE INCIDENT FOR EACH BAD CHECK SUSPECT.**