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REDDING MAN RECEIVES TEN YEARS FOR PASSING COUNTERFEIT CHECKS

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This morning a Redding man was sentenced to ten years in State Prison following his conviction for multiple counts of Commercial Burglary and Passing Fictitious Checks. Judge James Ruggiero sentenced Daniel Warren Hayes, 37, after he pled guilty earlier this week.

The case began when Hayes, who was on parole for prior Forgery convictions, began making checks on his home computer and passing them at various businesses throughout Shasta County. He made checks in the names of numerous fictitious people, put false account numbers on them, and used them to pay for groceries, gas, clothing and other purchases. Hayes was arrested in May of 2007 for the crimes, and stayed in custody with the charges pending until October of 2007. He was released from the Shasta County jail on his own recognizance, and immediately continued his crime spree.

During the months of November 2007, December 2007 and January 2008, Hayes wrote over 60 additional counterfeit checks in various names before he was re-arrested by the Shasta County Sheriff's Department. His arrest came shortly after clerks at the Sentry Market in Shasta Lake City became suspicious when Hayes visited the store twice in one day, and wrote checks with two different names for purchases. When he was confronted, he fled from the store. Most of the transactions were caught on the various businesses' security cameras. In all, Hayes was able to take approximately \$7,000.00 from the businesses through the use of the counterfeit checks. Hayes will be required to pay back all of the businesses for their losses.

The case was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Erin M. Dervin, and investigated by Redding Police Investigators Rob Wilson and Matt Zalesny, and Shasta County Sheriff's Detective Mark Haslam.