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BAD CHECK WRITER GOES TO PRISON

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Redding, CA.- The Shasta County District Attorney's Office announced today that Vena Rackley-Tetreault has been sentenced to five years in prison after pleading guilty to violating Penal Code section 476 subdivision (a), which makes it illegal to issue a non-sufficient fund check. The plea agreement was entered into on December 15, 2010 with immediate sentencing.

Ms. Rackley-Tetreault had issued over \$12,000 in bad checks to local merchants during the course of one year.

Bad check writers are a real burden for local businesses, especially at a time when many businesses are struggling to remain solvent in a bad economy. The Shasta County District Attorney's Office works with local businesses to help them recover funds from persons who have passed bad checks. This program has been very successful and continues at this time.

This case was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Mike Hemker. In addition, investigators from the Redding Police Department and the Shasta County District Attorney's Bad Check Unit investigated the case.

Please contact Supervising Investigator Ken Burbank for additional details.
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