

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

To: Merchants and Citizens of St. Charles County

FROM: St. Charles County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, Bad Check Unit

RE: Legal Copy of checks

With the induction of Check 21, your returned check might look different. The check that is returned to you from your bank may look like a photocopy of your check usually printed on yellow or blue paper. There will be a notation on the left side of the check stating:

- "This is a LEGAL COPY of your check. You can use it the same way you would use the original check"

In addition, it will also tell you the reason the check was returned. When submitting your bad checks to this office, *please send the original check or the legal copy (the yellow or blue copy) along with your completed [PROBABLE CAUSE/CHECK INFORMATION SHEET](#)*. Please DO NOT send a photocopy of the legal copy. A photocopy can not be used in court. If the legal copy is not submitted, it will be returned.

Please share this information with your employees or anyone who fills out the forms on your behalf. Any questions, please call 636-949-7375.

Thanks,

Bad Check Unit