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DISTRICT 7**

**BOGUS CHECK
RESTITUTION FUND**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
JUNE 30, 2009**



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Transmitted herewith is the statutory report for the District Attorney of District 7, Oklahoma County, Oklahoma (the District) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2009.

A report of this type is critical in nature; however, we do not intend to imply that there were not commendable features in the present accounting and operating procedures of the District.

We wish to take this opportunity to express our appreciation for the assistance and cooperation extended to our office during the conduct of our procedures.

The Office of the State Auditor and Inspector is committed to serve the public interest by providing independent oversight and to issue reports that serve as a management tool to the State to ensure a government which is accountable to the people of the State of Oklahoma.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steve Burrage".

STEVE BURRAGE, CPA
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INTRODUCTORY INFORMATION

The bogus check program was created by the Oklahoma Legislature in 1982 as a special type of deferred prosecution program, and every District Attorney is required to operate a bogus check program. The program provides an alternative way to handle bogus check cases without any additional cost to courts, prosecutors, or the state prison system. The primary emphasis of the program is collecting restitution for the victim of the crime, rather than punishing the offender.

Bogus checks are a significant cost to business, a cost that is passed on to the consumer and paid by all citizens and taxpayers in the state. The bogus check program has been an effective way to address the economic problem caused by bogus checks. The program offers a way to address criminal conduct without sending a large number of offenders to state correctional facilities.

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For the purpose of complying with 74 O.S. § 212.E and 22 O.S. § 114, we have performed each of the following procedures as it relates to the records of the Bogus Check Restitution Fund for the fiscal year June 30, 2009.

- Examine fees to determine that the correct fees were assessed, receipted, and deposited in compliance with 28 O.S. § 153.
- Determine whether expenditures were used to defray lawful expenses of the District Attorney's office and restitution agreements do not exceed three years in accordance with 22 O.S. § 114; whether expenditures were supported by invoices and approved claims; and that goods or services paid for were received.
- Determine whether the fund reconciles to the County Treasurer's records.
- Determine that the District Attorney prepared and submitted an annual report to the District Attorneys Council showing the total deposits and total expenditures, and that expenditures were properly classified and presented.

All information included in the financial records of the bogus check restitution program is the representation of the District Attorney for their respective district.

Our engagement was limited to the procedures performed above and was less in scope than an audit performed in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on any financial statements of Oklahoma County.

Based on our procedures performed, it appears that District 7 was properly assessing, receipting, and depositing the correct fees in compliance with 28 O.S. § 153; expenditures were used to defray lawful expenses of the District Attorney's office and restitution agreements do not exceed three years in accordance with 22 O.S. § 114; expenditures were supported by invoices and approved claims; goods or services paid for were received; the fund balance reconciled to the County Treasurer's records; the District Attorney prepared and submitted an annual report to the District Attorneys Council; and expenditures were properly classified and presented.

We have included in this report information from the Bogus Check Restitution Fund Annual Report prepared by District 7, which was submitted to the District Attorneys Council.

This report is intended for the information and use of the District Attorney and Oklahoma County officials. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steve Burrage". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

STEVE BURRAGE, CPA
STATE AUDITOR & INSPECTOR

June 3, 2010

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BOGUS CHECK RESTITUTION FUND

COLLECTION INFORMATION

Number of checks received from merchants	<u>12,639</u>	
Dollar amount of checks received		<u>\$ 1,721,734</u>

RESTITUTION INFORMATION

Beginning Restitution Account Balance at July 1, 2008		\$ 387,127
Number of restitution checks collected	<u>12,903</u>	
Amount in restitution collected for merchants		2,687,563
Amount in restitution paid to merchants		<u>(2,588,026)</u>
Ending Restitution Balance at June 30, 2009		<u>\$ 486,664</u>

FEE AND EXPENDITURES INFORMATION

Beginning District Attorney Fee Balance at July 1, 2008		\$ 315,658
Amount of District Attorney fees collected during the period		1,333,542
Expenditures:		
Personnel costs	829,099	
Maintenance and operation costs	<u>293,986</u>	
Total Expenditures		<u>1,123,085</u>
Ending District Attorney Fee Balance at June 30, 2009		<u>\$ 526,115</u>

Source: District 7 Bogus Check Restitution Fund Annual Report (for informational purposes only)



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