



POST FALLS POLICE DEPARTMENT BAD CHECK INVESTIGATION CRITERIA

The Post Falls Police Department has historically accepted all bad checks turned in for investigation. Unfortunately there are times when prosecution is not possible. To help us obtain the best results possible in your case, consider the following:

- 1) The Post Falls Police Department will only investigate bad checks accepted within the city limits of Post Falls.
 - 2) All check cases submitted to the Police Department must be submitted on the provided [Fictitious Check Report Forms](#) available from the Post Falls Investigation Division. The form must be filled out completely prior to being turned in.
 - 3) The information requested on the "Fictitious Check Report Form" is extremely important **all information must be legible.**
 - 4) The **original** check must accompany the fictitious check report form when turned in for investigation.
 - 5) The investigation of bad checks can take up to two weeks or longer. Upon completion of the investigation, your case will be forwarded to the Prosecutor's Office for screening.
 - 6) The Post Falls Police Department **does not** make any decisions regarding the prosecution of your case. This is done by the screening prosecutor.
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THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS REQUIRED FOR BAD CHECK INVESTIGATION

- 1) We must know who accepted the check from the suspect.
- 2) There must be some type of identification on the person, who passed the bad check such as, valid identification (driver license, state I.D. card, military I.D. card).
- 3) We must have confirmation from the Bank showing either a closed account or a Non-sufficient funds account.
- 4) The business must make attempts to contact the suspect for collection. If no contact is made The business must send a **certified letter** to that person demanding payment within 5 days, upon receipt of the certified letter. **The letter must have a return receipt requested.**
- 5) We must have a completed ["fictitious check report form"](#) on each check.

6) Forged checks may be submitted immediately and must be submitted with the original check and an “**Affidavit of Forgery**” from the bank.

When you have completed the [“Fictitious check report form”](#) it may be turned into the Post Falls Police Department during our business hours. (Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. until 4:00p.m. at 1717 E Polston Ave. Once you have turned in your form it will be assigned to an investigator for follow up. You will be contacted by the investigator and updated periodically regarding progress made in the investigation.

PLEASE NOTE: Checks will not be taken for prosecution if they are:

- 1) Payment of pre-existing debt.
- 2) Post dated check.
- 3) Two party check.
- 4) Landlord-tenant situation.
- 5) If picture I.D. is not taken to verify the identity of the check passer.
- 6) If no attempts have been made by the business to attempt collection.
- 7) If partial payment has been accepted.

If you have any questions regarding your case you may call the Post Falls Investigation Division at 773-6375