

Bad Checks Are Big Business At Christmas, Sheriff Warns

Sheriff Peter J. Pitchess has issued a warning for area merchants to be on the alert for bad check artists who are taking full advantage of the holiday shopping confusion to cover their acts.

"Worthless checks are a billion dollar business in the United States. Los Angeles County merchants can markedly reduce check cashing risks by observing a few simple rules," Pitchess said.

Following are the rules pointed out by the sheriff:

- Identification is the key-note. Require good identification and compare the physical description on the document with the person cashing the check. The number of gross discrepancies which go undetected is astonishing.

- Do not accept a temporary operator's license as valid identification. A smooth operator may apply for a driver's license under a fictitious name, and present the temporary license as identification.

- Check endorsements carefully. Always ask the party to endorse the check in your presence. Then compare the spelling with the name on the

face of the check requiring identification.

- Be especially wary of business and payroll checks. Many forgers will burglarize a well-known company on Friday night and pass a flood of checks before the loss is discovered Monday morning. This trick is particularly successful because clerks recognize the name of a reputable firm on the face of the check and do not bother to care-

fully examine the payee's I.D. The sheriff also pointed out that users of lost and stolen credit cards can often be detected if the clerk will ask for one additional piece of identification to confirm that the rightful owner is using the card.

"Above all," Pitchess concluded, "be alert. An honest person is not afraid to identify himself to your satisfaction. The care you exercise in cashing checks will pay off handsomely."

Taxes Exceed \$21 Million

Property taxes for the General Telephone Co. of California will total \$21,196,189.49 in the current fiscal year, according to Ira L. Christensen, treasurer of the company.

The bulk of these tax dollars go to Los Angeles County: \$14,721,572.03 to the county itself and \$429,506.34 to the city of Long Beach, which collects its own property taxes.

Admitted to Hawaii Bar

Fred W. Benson of 615 Esplanada has been admitted to the practice of law in all courts of the state of Hawaii. The new admittee served as deputy district attorney for the County of Los Angeles, assigned to the Southwest area, for several years prior to his entry into private practice in 1961.

Benson plans to continue his law practice at 1617 S. Pacific Coast Hwy., while maintaining associate counsel in Hawaii.

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