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# PRESS RELEASE

**Hinds DA Bad Check Unit this year collects \$320,327  
*Collected \$380,590.69 in 2012***

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(JACKSON, MISS.) Hinds County District Attorney Robert Shuler Smith today announced the Bad Check Unit in his office has so far this year collected 427 checks, totaling \$320,327.01.

This money was paid to the Hinds District Attorney's Office Bad Check Unit by those who bounced checks with Hinds County businesses, non-profits, and individuals. Of that amount, \$254,767.01 has been returned to complainants. The balance, \$65,560, was collected as fees for the Hinds DA's Office.

"This recovered money represents a significant boon to the local economy," said Smith. "And the money we collect in fees dramatically improves the operation of the Hinds County DA's Office.

"I'm proud of our Bad Check unit," said Smith. "We've recovered \$24,992.80 for the Girl Scouts of Greater Mississippi. In another instance, we recovered \$28,000 for the Walter Payton Scholarship fund."

In 2012 the Hinds DA Bad Check Unit collected 533 checks, totaling \$380,590.69. Businesses received \$309,160.69 and the Hinds Co. DA's Office received \$71,430 in fees. According to Smith, the Bad Check Unit is on track to collect that amount or more by December 31, 2013.

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