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## **Bad Check Restitution Program to End April 1, 2021**

Over the years the Kendall County Bad Check Restitution Program ("Program") has recover thousands of dollars for victims and diverted many individuals away from the criminal justice system. However, due to the significantly reduced number of checks being written in today's world, the Program has outrun its utility. For this reason, the Program is wrapping up its operations.

Starting April 1, 2021, the Program will no longer accept bad check claims. The entire program will cease operations on July 7, 2021. Any bad check cases which remain open at that time will be returned to the State's Attorney's Office and local law enforcement for further proceedings.

This does not mean, however, citizens do not have recourse upon receiving a bad check. The conduct may constitute a crime subject to appropriate enforcement and penalties. Starting immediately, we are asking citizens of Kendall County to report any allegations of bad or fraudulent checks to local law enforcement.