NOTIFICATION OF RETURNED CHECK

TO: NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

_____

CHECKS RETURNED

DATE	BANK DRAWN ON	AMOUNT	SURCHARGE
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

The check we cashed for you has been returned to us unpaid.

Under the law, you have five days from the date of receipt of this notice to make full payment of the full amount of the check(s) plus service charge(s) of $_____. You must also pay the cost of mailing this letter in the amount of $_____. After that, criminal prosecution can be initiated by the holder of the check.

THE TOTAL AMOUNT OWING WITHIN FIVE DAYS OF RECEIPT OF THIS NOTICE IS $_____

The cashing of checks is a service that we are happy to extend to our patrons, but understandably, this privilege can be continued only as long as it is not abused.

May we please hear from you soon?

DATE MAILED: _____

_____
Merchant

_____
Address

_____

_____
Phone

THE MONTANA BAD CHECK LAW PROVIDES THE FOLLOWING PENALTIES UPON CONVICTION:

A bad check which is given for property, labor or services worth $1,500 or less and which is not given as part of a common scheme or plan – Imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding six months or by a fine not exceeding $1,500, or by both such fine or imprisonment.
If the offender has engaged in issuing bad checks that are part of a common scheme or if the value of any property, labor, or services obtained or attempted to be obtained exceeds $1,500, the offender shall be fined not to exceed $50,000 or be imprisoned in the state prison for any term not to exceed 10 years, or both.