

THE "JOHNNY LAW" REPORT (AUGUST/SEPTEMBER, 2002)

Recently, my wife and I held a yard sale. She felt so good having the garage cleaned up that she wanted to rearrange the living room. I must admit that the results pleased us both so much that I thought I'd try cleaning up the office. I ran a vacuum over the floor and found out that I had green carpet. I threw away a bunch of old catalogs and found shelf space for the new ones. Some larger property items have been cluttering up the office, including a snowboard, two blade scooters and a 12" bicycle. A review of the files showed that there was no legal reason for me to keep them any longer. And, since none of these items has a value over \$100, they need not be auctioned off. I could just throw them away. However, I'd rather give them away to worthy recipients. Catch me in the office after you read this article and give me a good sob story on why you or your child should receive one of these items. If it draws a tear or a good laugh, you get the item. It's first come, first serve.

On a more serious note, acts constituting street intimidation or violence will not be tolerated in any degree. Eight adult criminal citations have been issued in the last two months on charges including disorderly conduct, menacing and assault. One menacing case has also been submitted to the District Attorney for a warrant. In

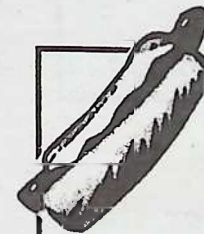
addition, two juvenile harassment citations were issued. Anyone trying to act tough on the street will more likely than not be trying to act meek in court shortly thereafter.

It was past practice for NSF checks under \$50 not to be pursued criminally. It is my position, however, that although a small rubber check may have a lesser financial impact on a business operator than a large one, it is no less criminal in its nature. The word "petty" in petty theft is only an adjective. There is still a theft. An NSF check is prosecuted as "theft by deceit". Anyone issuing an NSF check is, therefore, both a thief and a fraud. At least with a real crook you know you've been had at the outset rather than days later when the bank returns the check. Civil recovery costs are equally burdensome regardless of the amount involved. Running any business is hard enough just dealing with operating expenses and legalized theft, i.e., taxes. If we want Butte Falls to thrive, we must protect our local commercial activities. As such, I will pursue prosecution on any NSF check regardless of amount. To do anything less would be to condone criminal activity at its most demeaning level. Local business operators may contact me immediately upon return of a bad check to discuss the procedural collection efforts required before criminal prosecution can be initiated.

Until Next Month-
Officer John Lawson

Library News! By- Pat Hoel

HEY! SEEMS LIKE SUMMER JUST BUZZED RIGHT BY.....HERE COMES FALL, DAYS ARE GETTING SHORTER AND BACK TO SCHOOL. WE JUST WANT TO REMIND YOU THAT YOUR LIBRARY IS HERE FOR ALL YOUR TEACHING AND LEARNING NEEDS. TEACHERS CAN HAVE "SUBJECT STATIONS" (INCLUDING BOOKS, VIDEOS AND AUDIO TAPES) BROUGHT IN TO THE BUTTE FALLS LIBRARY AND EITHER ARRANGE A CLASS VISIT HERE OR CHECK THE ITEMS OUT TO USE IN THE CLASSROOM. KIDS CAN ALSO HAVE BOOK, TAPES AND VIDEOS DELIVERED TO OUR LIBRARY. SINCE OUR LIBRARY SYSTEM HAS EXPANDED, YOU CAN BRING IN MATERIALS FROM JOSEPHINE COUNTY AND ROGUE COMMUNITY COLLEGE AS WELL AS OUR 15 JACKSON COUNTY BRANCHES. THAT IS A LOT OF LIBRARY MATERIALS AVAILABLE FOR YOU...SO CHECK IT OUT. INTERNET ACCESS AT THE LIBRARY MAY ALSO HELP WITH HOMEWORK, STUDIES AND IDEAS. THE FRIENDS OF THE BUTTE FALLS LIBRARY WOULD LOVE TO HAVE MORE FRIENDS OF ALL AGES. MEMBERSHIP IS ONLY \$5 PER YEAR. WE ALSO HAVE A SELECTION OF BOOKS FOR SALE ALONG WITH CANDY BARS AND GREETING CARDS. THE CANDY AND CARDS ARE ONLY 50 CENTS EACH. ALL OF YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY LOVE TO GET MAIL, DON'T YOU? BOOK, VIDEO AND TAPE DONATIONS ARE EXTREMELY WELCOME FOR OUR NEXT BIG BOOK SALE, PROBABLY IN OCTOBER.



-Totem Pole-

Gary & Carol...

Hope you had a great summer and are looking forward to the school year!

Thank you for your business.

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