

Two Years Given In Check Forgery

A Criminal District Court jury Friday afternoon took forty-five minutes to find Thomas Victor Coates, 32, guilty of passing a forged check and fixed his penalty at two years in the state penitentiary.

Sam Daugherty and Clarence Bentley, assistant district attorneys, presented evidence that Coates had given a \$30 forged check in January to Ormsby's Variety and Hardware Store, 4906 Ross.

The check bore the fraudulent signature of "Gene Goss," a car dealer, the state contended. Coates bought an \$8 heating stove and got cash for the remainder of the amount of the check.

Lowell Baker, 1503 Tranquilla, was foreman of the jury. The defendant's lawyer was Louis Woolsey. Judge Henry King heard the case.