

Dallas County Has Increase In Hot Checks

Hot check writing is on the increase in Dallas County, Dist. Atty. Henry Wade said Tuesday.

During the 3-month period ending March 31, hot checks and forgeries amounting to \$78,327 were reported to his office, Wade said. During the same period last year \$54,938 worth of illegal check writings was reported.

Wade said his hot check section so far this year had recovered and returned a total of \$37,817 to victims of hot check artists.

Asst. Dist. Atty. Clarence Bentley said a higher percentage of persons was reporting hot checks and taking action to prosecute.

Bentley said 219 convictions have been obtained so far this year in misdemeanor hot check cases.

Defendants in seventy-six forgery case convictions have been sentenced to a total of 229 years in prison, Bentley said.