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### **PRISON TERM FOR COOK COUNTY MAN IN CHECK-FORGING SCHEME**

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A Cook County man has been sent to prison for his role in a Chicago-area check-forging scheme.

Rodney Gaiter, 44 (d.o.b. 6-30-1968), last known address of the 1100 block of Florence Avenue, Westmont, was sentenced Thursday, Sept. 20, 2012, by Associate Judge Clint Hull to five years in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

Gaiter pleaded guilty July 18, 2012, to one count of forgery, a Class 3 felony.

On Dec. 3, 2010, Gaiter, as part of a regional forgery scheme, took a fake payroll check made out to him for \$987.62 to a retail store in the 2900 block of Kirk Road, Aurora, and cashed it. The retail store later determined that the check was a fake and reported it to Aurora police. The investigation led authorities to Gaiter and determined that he was part of a larger, regional scheme.

Others involved with running the scheme have been convicted on federal charges.

During Thursday's hearing, the state presented testimony and about Gaiter's extensive criminal history. Gaiter has had multiple drug- and theft-related convictions in Cook and Tazewell counties during the last 27 years.

According to state law, Gaiter is eligible for day-for-day sentencing. Gaiter was given credit for at least 168 days served in the Kane County jail, where he had been held since his arrest in lieu of \$30,000 bail.

The case was prosecuted by Kane County Assistant State's Attorney Lindsay Hatzis.