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Police Warn of Counterfeit $20

Eugene Police Financial Crimes Detectives want to remind the public to keep a keen eye on their 20 dollar bills. Recently a series of the phony bills had circulated through the community and while the total amount of fraudulent money didn’t exceed more than several hundred dollars, investigators believe it serves as a good reminder to brush up on your money authentication skills.

Twenties are the most popular bills to counterfeit; they’re easier to pass than larger denominations. While 5, 10, 50 and 100 dollar bills still show up, the majority of fraudulent money is in the form of 20s.

While the recent string of phony bills was only resulted in several hundred dollar losses local agencies have documented about $6,000 in counterfeit money throughout the last several years.

The United States Secret Service maintains a website titled “KNOW YOUR MONEY” and is an excellent resource for staying up to date on the latest versions of genuine US minted bills and common ways to spot the frauds.

If you suspect that you may have accepted a counterfeit bill you can take it to your financial institution to be checked and then file a police report with your local agency. Filing a police report helps detectives identify any similar instances and can assist in arresting the forgers.

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