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### **OCPD MAKES ADDITIONAL COUNTERFEIT MONEY ARREST AND SEIZURE**

During the month of July, Ocean City Police have recovered numerous counterfeit bills and arrested three individuals for possession of counterfeit currency. Most recently, one individual was apprehended with approximately \$1,600 in fake U.S. currency.

On July 10, 2010, OCPD officers responded to a downtown boardwalk business, in reference to a recovered counterfeit \$10 bill. Officers viewed a surveillance video that captured an individual who was suspected of passing the fake U.S. currency. As the day went on, police received additional recovered counterfeit bills from other downtown boardwalk businesses. Some of the bills were very similar and the suspect information in each case was similar.

Later in the day, officers patrolling the boardwalk spotted an individual who matched the description of the subject seen in the business surveillance video. Officers detained the individual and subsequently recovered a large amount of counterfeit U.S. currency, which was in the possession of the suspect. The on-scene investigation was able to link the suspect to passing the counterfeit money, which was found to be in denominations of \$5 and \$10 bills.

Dennis Anthony Wildberger, 48, of Stewartstown, Pennsylvania, was arrested and charged with multiple counts of possession and passing of forged/counterfeit U.S. currency and misdemeanor theft. Wildberger was seen by an Ocean City District Court Commissioner and released on his own recognizance.

In addition, on July 18, 2010, another Ocean City business recovered a counterfeit \$100 dollar bill.



Dennis Anthony Wildberger



U.S. currency recovered from Wildberger

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For additional public safety information, go to the Official OCPD Blog at: <http://ocpdmdinfo.blogspot.com> or view real-time public safety advisories on "Twitter" by searching OCPDMDInfo.



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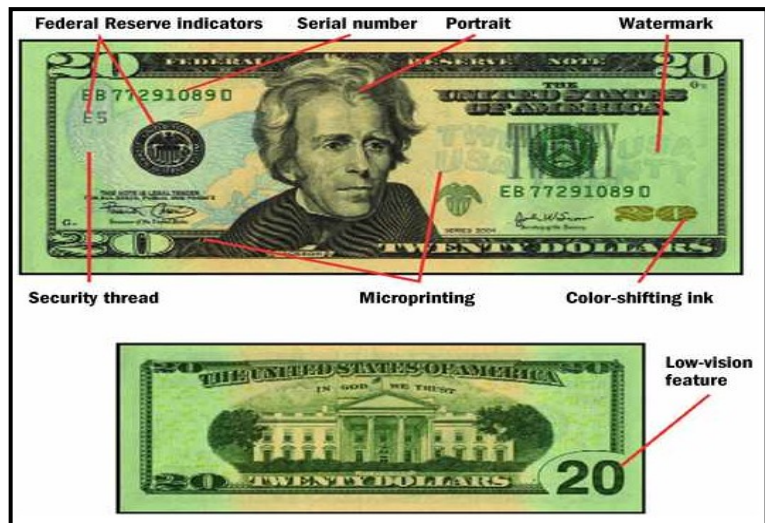


Fraudulent U.S. currency recovered by OCPD, in this case a real \$5 bill was bleached and reprinted as a counterfeit \$100 bill. Note: the watermark of President Lincoln on the right side of the bill, it should be Thomas Jefferson; also the security thread on the left side of the bill shows the denomination of the bill as \$5 not \$100. A counterfeit detection pen may still read this as a valid currency even though it is not. Please physically check all large or suspicious bills by hand looking for the major security features in the bills

The Ocean City Police Department is asking citizens and businesses to please inspect suspicious looking U.S. currency. The OCPD advises citizens real U.S. currency has several security features. The three main security features located on bills are: shifting inks on the number security threads which display the denomination of the currency imbedded in the bill and the watermark of the main image on the face of the bill located on the right side of note.

If you have any information or think you may have counterfeit money, please contact your local police. For further information regarding counterfeit money identification go to:

Examples of security features found on legitimate U.S. Currency



[http://www.secretservice.gov/know\\_your\\_money.shtml](http://www.secretservice.gov/know_your_money.shtml).

The OCPD would like to thank area businesses and citizens involved in these cases for their cooperation, diligence and support during these investigations. The Ocean City Police is proud of the community crime prevention partnerships that support its crime fighting and public safety initiatives.

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