



ACCREDITED LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY



# COUNTY OF ALBEMARLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Community Information Release – March 27, 2017

Please see the information below regarding recent reports of counterfeit money being passed at several businesses throughout Albemarle County, particularly businesses located in close proximity to Seminole Trail and Pantops Mountain. Albemarle County businesses should contact the police if someone attempts to pass counterfeit money at their establishment.

The Albemarle County Police Department (ACPD) is currently investigating several incidents involving the use of counterfeit money in our area, particularly \$100 bills. According to reports, suspects are visiting local businesses and using fake money to purchase goods or requesting the counterfeit bill(s) be exchanged for smaller currency denominations. In each of these cases, the suspect(s) passed counterfeit money with the words "FOR MOTION PICTURE USE ONLY" printed on the front and back of the bill. These counterfeit bills, intended to serve as an acting prop in movie productions, often look and feel like real currency. These fake bills are known to be printed in all U.S. currency denominations.

A picture of the counterfeit bill is provided below. The red arrow indicates where "FOR MOTION PICTURE USE ONLY" is often printed on the fake money. ACPD encourages local businesses to review this information with their employees. Please note, these counterfeit bills may vary in denomination and/or appearance. Businesses should encourage employees to carefully examine each bill prior to accepting any paper currency.

Anyone with information about the recent passing of counterfeit bills in our area is asked to call Detective Sam Thomas at (434) 296-5807 or Crime Stoppers at (434) 977-4000. Callers may remain anonymous.

