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For Immediate Release:

OCPD ARREST CROFTON MAN FOR ATTEMPTING TO PASS COUNTERFEIT \$100 Bills

On June 29, 2009, at approximately 12:31 A.M., Ocean City Police responded to Seacret's Bar & Grill, (117 49th Street), in reference to a subject being detained by Seacret's security staff for attempting to pass a counterfeit \$100 bill. Officers met with the suspect, identified as Michael Levend Williams, Jr., 29-years-old of Crofton, Maryland who admitted to passing the counterfeit \$100 bills. Williams was arrested for theft and passing counterfeit money. Police later recovered approximately 22 counterfeit \$100 bills from the parking lot of Seacret's. The recovered bills all had the same serial number as the currency Williams attempted to use at Seacret's.

The counterfeit \$100 bills have a different texture than legitimate currency. These bills appear to have been washed \$5 dollar bills. The bill had \$100 printed on it but had an Abraham Lincoln water mark on the right side of the bill. The security strip read "USA Five". The serial number on all of the bills is FK23767768B. The bill was also discolored. The OCPD has contacted the U. S. Secret Service regarding this incident. If you believe you have recovered any of this counterfeit currency please contact the OCPD at: 410-723-6600.

Williams was seen by an Ocean City, District Court Commissioner and released on his own recognizance.

The U.S. Secret Service and the OCPD remind the public it has a role in maintaining the integrity of U.S. currency. You can help guard against the threat from counterfeiters by becoming more familiar with United States currency. Look at the money you receive. Compare a suspect note with a genuine note of the same denomination and series, paying attention to the quality of printing and paper characteristics. Look for differences, not similarities.

- The genuine portrait appears lifelike and stands out distinctly from the background. The counterfeit portrait is usually lifeless and flat. Details merge into the background which is often too dark or mottled.
- On a genuine bill, the saw-tooth points of the Federal Reserve and Treasury seals are clear, distinct, and sharp. The counterfeit seals may have uneven, blunt, or broken saw-tooth points.
- Genuine serial numbers have a distinctive style and are evenly spaced. The serial numbers are printed in the same ink color as the Treasury Seal. On a counterfeit, the serial numbers may differ in color or shade of ink from the Treasury seal. The numbers may not be uniformly spaced or aligned.

For further information on detecting counterfeit U. S. currency, citizens are encouraged to visit the United States Secret Service Web site at: http://www.ustreas.gov/ussf/money_detect.shtml

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<i>If Juvenile, enter cell times</i>	Time In: _____	Time Out: _____
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Case ID	Date Arrested	Officer	Charge	Bond Information:		
				Amount	Status	Type
2009003715	06/29/2009	Kelly, Michael Joseph	CURRENCY:MANUFACTURE/COUNTERFEIT		Na	Na
	06/29/2009	Kelly, Michael Joseph	POSSESS/ISSUE FORGED CURRENCY		Na	Na
	06/29/2009	Kelly, Michael Joseph	THEFT LESS THAN \$100.00		Na	Na

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