

## **November 28, 2016 – Counterfeit Bills**

Counterfeit \$100 bills are reportedly being circulated in Duluth. According to 5 Eyewitness News:

The Duluth Police Department is warning the public of fake \$100 bills being used in the area.

Authorities say those accepting cash should pay special attention to the bills, referred to by authorities as Chinese training notes, during busy times or when there might be added distractions.

If a business owner suspects counterfeit money has been used, he or she is advised to contact the department.

Lawful gambling organizations in the Duluth area should be especially vigilant for counterfeit bills.

**Bills have security measures to help detect counterfeits. Remind your sellers to use the pen and review the security strips and watermarks on the bills.**

If your organization identifies a counterfeit bill at your site:

1. Try to retain the bill if possible.
2. Identify the person attempting to pass the bill(s).
3. Attempt to obtain a description and license plate number of any vehicle the suspect is driving, if possible.

Notify the local police of any attempts to pass a counterfeit bill(s) as soon as possible.

This is a reminder to remain diligent in handling your organization's lawful gambling cash. Counterfeit bills may be considered a fund loss, but the Board generally does not approve fund loss requests involving counterfeit money.