

February 8, 2021 – Counterfeit Currency

We have received reports of people attempting to use counterfeit currency to purchase pull-tabs in the Stillwater/East metro area. The currency, mostly \$100 bills, look authentic.

Be aware that every denomination of currency should be checked to see if it is counterfeit. Counterfeit pens, while helpful, are not foolproof.

To assist your organization in detecting counterfeit bills, it may be helpful to see the U.S. Secret Service's guide called "**Know Your Money**" at

<https://www.secretservice.gov/sites/default/files/reports/2020-12/KnowYourMoney.pdf>

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.