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U.S. SECRET SERVICE LAUNCHES COUNTERFEIT OPERATION QUICK GLANCE IN ADVANCE OF THE HOLIDAY SHOPPING SEASON

WASHINGTON - The Secret Service is leading the charge this holiday season to bring awareness to U.S. retailers and consumers on how to protect themselves from becoming a victim of easy to detect counterfeit currency.

To kick-start Operation Quick Glance, the Secret Service issued a nationwide alert this week to our private sector partners, state and local law enforcement agencies. This alert contains information that consumers can quickly use to identify counterfeit by knowing what to look for and where to look for it. Operation Quick Glance focuses on specific types of easily detected counterfeit currency; Motion Picture, Chinese character/foreign writing and “Replica” notes.



Last year, the Secret Service reported that \$103.4 million in counterfeit currency was passed in the U.S. In fiscal year 2019, the Secret Service reported a 120% increase in the passing of Chinese character/foreign writing notes and a 25% increase in the passing of Motion Picture notes.

Quick Tips to Identify Counterfeit Currency:

- Take a quick glance at currency when you receive it from any retail establishment or individual.
- Look for Chinese Characters or foreign writing on the front and back of the note.
- Look for “For Motion Picture Use Only” or the words “Replica” listed on the note.
- Contact your local Secret Service Field Office if you have information about counterfeit currency.

Today, the Secret Service’s investigative mission has evolved from enforcing counterfeiting laws to safeguarding the payment and financial systems of the United States. Special Agents and Investigative Analysts from around the country will continue to work closely with state and local law enforcement partners to minimize risks by informing the public and apprehending those responsible for passing counterfeit.

For more information about the security features found in U.S. Federal Reserve Notes, please visit the www.SecretService.gov – Know Your Money or uscurrency.gov.

For questions concerning this release, please contact the U.S. Secret Service Office of Communication and Media Relations at 202-406-5708.

The United States Secret Service was originally founded in 1865 for the purpose of suppressing the counterfeiting of U.S. currency. Now an agency within the Department of Homeland Security, the Secret Service is widely known for its protective mission in safeguarding the nation’s highest elected officials, visiting foreign dignitaries and events of national significance. Today, the Secret Service maintains a unique integrated mission of protection and investigations, as one of the premier law enforcement organizations charged with investigating cyber and financial crimes.