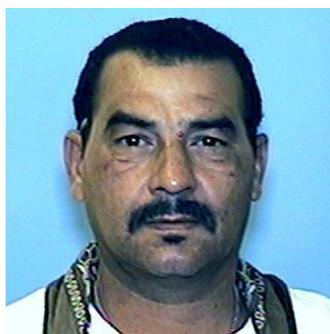


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### **Counterfeit Suspects Identified (UPDATE)**

**Cottonwood, Ariz**, November 14, 2012—The Cottonwood Police Department has identified two suspects in connection to a counterfeit investigation which began in October of 2012.

The Cottonwood Police Department has identified 47 year-old Edwin Manuel Jaramillo and 29 year-old Erica Shay Pimentel, both from Prescott Valley as suspects in this case. Over the past month, the Cottonwood Police Department has been notified on three separate occasions from an area merchant who received counterfeit \$20 bills. Cottonwood Detectives received information from various sources including Prescott area law enforcement that had already identified Jaramillo and Pimentel as suspects in similar crimes. On November 13, 2012, detectives interviewed Jaramillo to gather further information and as a result, Jaramillo has been charged with 3 counts of forgery and 1 count of fraudulent schemes and Pimentel has been charged with 1 count of forgery. Both are currently in custody at the Yavapai County Detention Center.

The Cottonwood Police Department wishes to thank the many citizens who provided information and additional leads in this case.

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