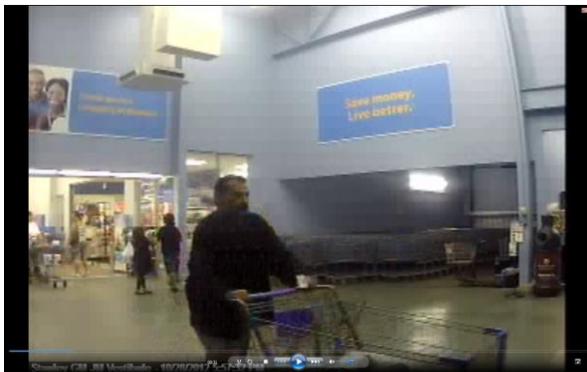


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The Police Need Your Help

Cottonwood, Ariz, October 29, 2012—The Cottonwood Police Department needs your help in a counterfeit investigation.

The Cottonwood Police Department is asking for the public's help in identifying and locating a suspect and/or vehicle involved in a counterfeit \$20 bill investigation.

On October 26th and October 28th, an unidentified male subject passed multiple counterfeit \$20 bills at Wal-Mart and received merchandise as a result. The subject is described as a heavy set male possibly in his late 30's to early 40's and appears to be Hispanic or Middle Eastern. The subject was last seen driving a newer model large red sedan, possibly a Lincoln or Oldsmobile. There may be other locations this subject has used these documents so we are also asking other area merchants to also be mindful as well.

"There are many security features present in these denominations which help to deter this type of activity. However, they're only beneficial if we (the public) are vigilant to check for them. Many times, these types of documents are created in mass, so it may be safe to assume there could be others floating around," said Cottonwood Police Department spokesman, Sergeant Gareth Braxton. Further information on detection may be obtained at http://www.secretservice.gov/money_detect.shtml.

If you have information on this subject and/or vehicle you are asked to contact the Cottonwood Police Department or you may remain contact the Yavapai County Silent Witness Program if you desire to remain anonymous at 1-800-932-3232.

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