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US Secret Service Counterfeit Forensic Section

The US Secret Service Counterfeit Forensic Section has released the below flyers advising of more specific types of counterfeits that are circulating in the European, Middle Eastern and Asia Pacific areas. As you can see below the USSS has noted six new markers to identify a counterfeit note including:

- 1) 3D ribbon with bi-directional movement on counterfeit notes.
- 2) The watermark having no wire mesh pattern around it.
- 3) The serial numbers being printed with toner and possibly appearing smeared.
- 4) Notes containing harvested Optically Variable Ink with cut lines visible surrounding the ink.
- 5) A missing eyebrow on the 50 note with former President Grant
- 6) A printed watermark that lacks tonality, and can sometimes be visible on the reverse of the note.

Please take note of these updates and of the below flyers. Please advise local law enforcement authorities if you obtain one of these notes.



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WARNING

COUNTERFEIT MONEY IS BEING PASSED IN YOUR AREA



Counterfeit



Genuine



Counterfeit



Genuine

1. **Counterfeit** 3D Ribbons with bi-directional movement are being seen. The bridges of paper across the 3D Ribbon are cut/torn.
2. **Genuine** paper has a wire mesh pattern around the watermark. **Counterfeit** has a printed watermark with no wire mesh pattern.

If anyone attempts to pass one of the above described counterfeit notes, please obtain as much information as possible about the individual(s) and contact your local Law Enforcement Authorities.



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Genuine



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1. **Genuine** serial numbers are printed with letterpress. **Counterfeit** serial numbers are printed with toner. The toner may appear smeared.
2. **Genuine** paper has a wire mesh pattern around the watermark. **Counterfeit** has a printed watermark with no wire mesh pattern.

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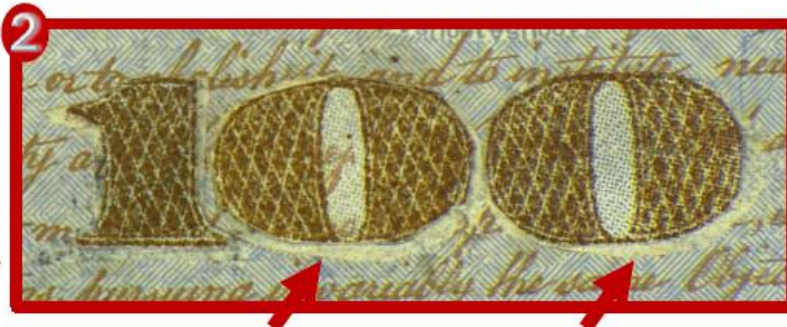
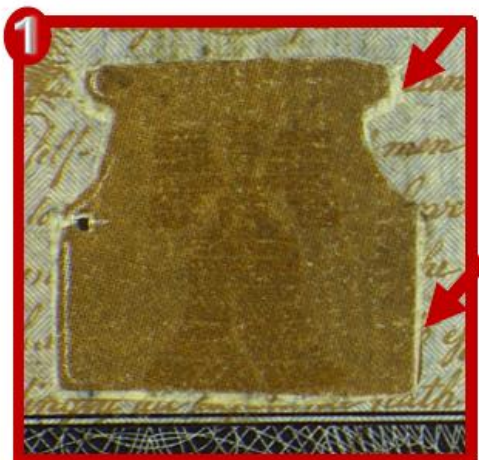


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Counterfeit contains harvested Optically Variable Ink (OVI). No cut lines should be visible around the OVI.

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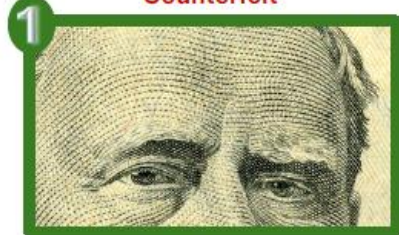
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Genuine

1. **Counterfeit** is missing multiple lines in Grant's eyebrows compared to the **Genuine** banknote.
2. **Genuine** paper has a multi-tonal watermark. **Counterfeit** has a printed watermark that lacks tonality. The watermark is sometimes visible on the back of the note.

If anyone attempts to pass one of the above described counterfeit notes, please obtain as much information as possible about the individual(s) and contact your local Law Enforcement Authorities.