



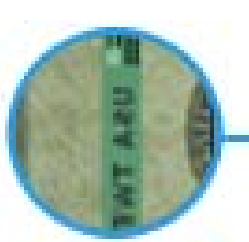
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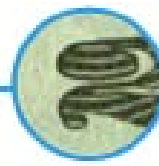
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COUNTERFEIT ALERT

The New Paltz Police Department is issuing a counterfeit bill alert to local businesses. Recently, several businesses in the Village and Town have reported receiving counterfeit twenty dollar bills for purchases of small items. Businesses are reminded to carefully examine any suspicious currency and utilize the following tips to check for counterfeit currency;



Security Thread: Hold the bill up to the light and look for the security thread, or plastic strip, that is embedded in the paper and runs vertically up one side of the bill. If you look closely, the words "USA TWENTY" and a small flag are visible along the thread from both sides of the bill. The security thread also glows **green** under ultraviolet light.



Color-Shifting Ink: Look at the number "20" in the lower right corner on the face of the bill. When you tilt the bill up and down, the color-shifting ink changes from copper to green. The color shift is more dramatic in the redesigned currency making it even easier for people to check their money.



Watermark: Hold the bill up to the light and look for the watermark, or faint image, similar to the large portrait. The watermark is part of the paper itself and it can be seen from both sides of the bill