



# COUNTRYSIDE POLICE

## CRIME ALERT

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The Countryside Police Department has been alerted to the following criminal activity in our area:

We have seen a dramatic increase in the use and passing of counterfeit currency in Countryside and surrounding areas. Offenders are making small-dollar amount purchases using counterfeit \$20 and \$50 dollar bills in hopes of receiving a large amount of currency back as change from the purchase. A vast majority of the bills are passing the “pen test” but are still found to be fraudulent by the bank. Please be cautious when accepting bills of this style.



Remember, any suspicious activity or doubts regarding the authenticity of currency should be reported to the Countryside Police Department by dialing 9-1-1.

This information is being provided to make you aware of suspicious or criminal activity in the Countryside area. Please review this alert and take appropriate action.

Any questions can be directed to Deputy Chief Scott Novak at (708) 352-2171.