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## NEWS RELEASE--Update

Jaymes D. Wright a 20 year old male from Joplin has been arrested and charged with forgery in reference to this case. Charges have been filed by the Jasper County Prosecutor's Office for Forgery (\$7,500 bond). Mr. Wright was also charged with Possession of Marijuana (\$500 bond) and Trespassing (\$250 bond) through the City Municipal Prosecutor. This investigation is still ongoing at this time.

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The Joplin Police Department this past weekend received a number of reports of counterfeit currency being passed around the city. The counterfeit bills included \$10.00, \$20.00, \$50.00 and \$100.00 bills. The largest numbers of bills passed were the \$100.00.

The police department would encourage the public to examine any bills closely that they feel are not authentic. If there is a suspicious bill please contact the police and turn the bill over to them.

Authentic currency has a security strip embedded in the paper. The bills being passed are of poor quality and a careful examination will show them to be counterfeit.

Investigators with the Joplin Police Department are working on a number of leads at this time in trying to find the source of the counterfeit currency.

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