

Counterfeit Money Advisory Monday, February 23, 2009

There have been several reports of counterfeit money being passed around the City of Boston since the beginning of December 2008. In the majority of incidents, counterfeit \$20 dollar bills were used, but \$10, \$50 and \$100 dollar bills have been used on occasion. The most frequent recipient of these counterfeit bills have been Taxi/ Livery drivers, restaurants and bars in the Dorchester (C11), South Boston (C6), Roxbury (B2) and Jamaica Plain (E13) areas. Boston Police, in conjunction with the United States Secret Service made an arrest on 2/3/09 of an individual that may be responsible for some of the counterfeit currency being passed around (CC# 090061459). Below please find a list of serial numbers that have been used in more than one incident, as well as a list of serial numbers used since 12/12/08.

Counterfeit Bills Used in Multiple Incidents Since 12/12/08

Serial Number	Denomination	Quantity	Multiple Incidents?	Date	Boston PD CC #
DL12589228D	\$100	1	Yes (see also CC# 080720397)	2/3/09 & 12/16/08	090061566
GB04239147	\$20	2	Maybe (see also CC#'s 090004568, 080720666 & 080719047)	1/19/09	090034363
IF37176582A	\$20	1	Yes (see also CC# 090031212 & 090030539)	1/19/09	090033519

Counterfeit Bills Used Since 12/12/08

Serial Number	Denomination
HB43309632B	\$100
FL24309652A	\$100
IA60422325A	\$20
GL30885616A	\$10
ID04830322A	\$20
ID24665657A	\$20
FK1258487A	\$100
IG83339757A	\$20
EF00109516A	\$50
IC23487203B	\$20
IE01096262D	\$20
EG05221090B	\$50
ID09612084A	\$20
IB26269708A	\$20
GKJ3279132C	\$20
EG58071118F	\$20
DL12589228D	\$100
IB51512234C	\$20

If You Receive a Counterfeit Note:

1. Do not return it to the passer.
2. Delay the passer if possible.
3. Observe the passer's description, as well as that of any companions, and the license plate numbers of any vehicles used.
4. Contact your local police department or United States Secret Service field office. These numbers can be found on the inside front page of your local telephone directory.
5. Write your initials and the date in the white border areas of the suspect note.
6. Limit the handling of the note. Carefully place it in a protective covering, such as an envelope.
7. Surrender the note or coin only to a properly identified police officer or a U.S. Secret Service special agent.

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- 2 Color-Shifting Ink** The 1996 style FRNs have color-shifting ink in the lower right-hand corner, that shifts from green to black as the note is tilted 45 degrees. The 2004 style \$10, \$20 and \$50 FRNs have color-shifting ink that shifts from copper to green as the note is tilted 45 degrees. The \$5 FRN does not have color-shifting ink.
- 3 Security Thread** Genuine FRNs have a clear polyester thread embedded vertically in the paper. The thread is inscribed with the denomination of the note, and is visible only when held up to light. Each denomination has a unique thread position and will glow a unique color in ultraviolet (UV) light.
- 4 Serial Numbers** The first letter of the serial number on FRNs corresponds to the series year.

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C=2001	H= 2006	I= 2006

Bank Indicators

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- 6 Check Letter/ Quadrant Number**
- 7 Face Plate Number**
- 8 Series Year**
- 9 Back Plate Number (Not shown)** Found on the reverse right hand side of the note.

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1996 style \$100 note issued March, 1996

Under a UV light source, the security thread glows light red/pink.

Watermark



Green to black color-shifting ink

2004 style \$50 note issued October, 2004

Under a UV light source, the security thread glows yellow.

Watermark



Copper to green color-shifting ink

2004 style \$20 note issued October, 2003

Under a UV light source, the security thread glows green.

Watermark



Copper to green color-shifting ink



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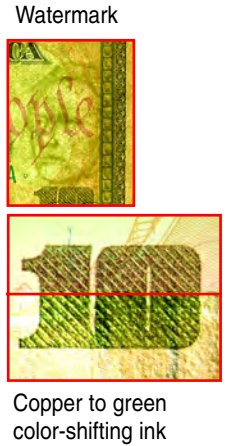
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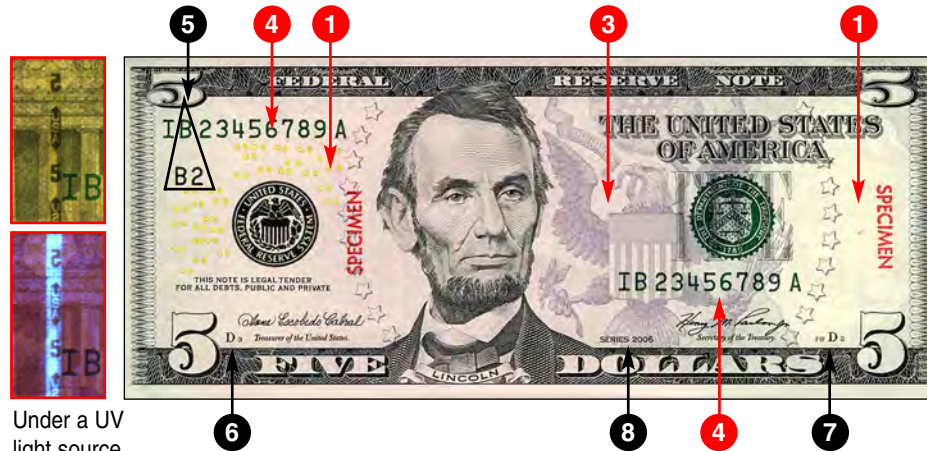
2004 style \$10 note issued March, 2006



Under a UV light source, the security thread glows orange.



2004 style \$5 note issued March, 2008



Under a UV light source, the security thread glows blue.



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Color-Shifting Ink
Front Lower Right Numeral

	Portrait	Watermark	Security Thread	Portrait Microprinting	Other Microprinting	
2004 Style						
50	Grant	Grant	Right of portrait	"THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA" along Grant's collar	"50", "USA" and "FIFTY" in two blue stars to the left of the portrait; "FIFTY" along side borders	Copper to Green
20	Jackson	Jackson	Left of portrait	"THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA 20 USA" in the border below Treasurer's signature	"USA20" borders beginning part of text ribbon "USA TWENTY", right of portrait	Copper to Green
10	Hamilton	Hamilton	Right of portrait	"THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA" below portrait	"USA10" beneath torch to the left of the portrait; "TEN DOLLARS" along side borders	Copper to Green
5	Lincoln	Left: vertical "5 5 5"; Right: large "5"	Right of portrait	"E Pluribus Unum" at top of shield to the right of the portrait; "USA" between columns of eagle's shield; "FIVE DOLLARS" along side borders.	On back, "USA FIVE" on edge of purple 5.	None
1996 Style						
100	Franklin	Franklin	Left of portrait	"THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA" along Franklin's collar	"USA100" in lower left numeral	Green to Black
50	Grant	Grant	Right of portrait	"THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA" along Grant's collar	"FIFTY" along side borders	Green to Black
20	Jackson	Jackson	Left of portrait	"THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA" in the lower oval framing of portrait	"USA20" in lower left numeral	Green to Black
10	Hamilton	Hamilton	Right of portrait	"THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA" below portrait above Hamilton's name	"TEN" in lower left numeral	Green to Black
5	Lincoln	Lincoln	Left of portrait	"THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA" in the lower oval framing of portrait	"FIVE DOLLARS" along side borders	None
1990 Style						
100	Franklin		Left of portrait	Around portrait "THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA"	For further information, contact your local U.S. Secret Service Field Office. The phone number may be found under the Government section of your local telephone directory. April 2008	
50	Grant		Left of portrait	Around portrait "THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA"		
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All Federal Reserve Notes are printed on paper featuring red and blue embedded fibers.

Federal Reserve Notes designed before 1990 do not contain security threads or microprinting.

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