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TO: ALL MEDIA OUTLETS

FROM: Lt. Brannon Jordan

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RE: Counterfeit U.S. Currency

The Latah County Sheriff's office is warning local merchants of counterfeit currency in our area. The currency seized has been \$20 and \$10 bills. One of these bills was presented as payment at a business in Troy. The merchant recognized the bill as counterfeit and called the Sheriff's Office.

The counterfeit bills can be easily recognized. The bills have large Chinese characters printed in red on the front and back, blurry printing, and light weight paper stock. It is suspected the bills may have been produced in China to train overseas banking employees, but the origin of the bills remains unclear.

The U.S Secret Service has been notified and is assisting the Sheriff's Office with the investigation.

If this counterfeit currency is presented to a merchant as payment, please contact the Latah County Sheriff's Office or your local law enforcement agency.