

# PRESS RELEASE



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### Two Suspects Arrested for Counterfeiting

Seal Beach, CA – Michael Richardson, age 24, of Bakersfield, CA, and Zackery Brazeal, age 33, of Santa Rosa, CA, were arrested for multiple charges including receiving stolen property, possession of forgery equipment, false personation, and possessing counterfeit currency.

On Tuesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015, at approximately 12:30 p.m., a male suspect entered the “Vons” supermarket at the 1100 block of Pacific Coast Highway in Seal Beach. The suspect attempted to make a purchase using two counterfeit 100 dollar bills. The counterfeit bills were detected by store employees, who called the Seal Beach Police Department. The suspect fled from the store prior to the police arriving in a vehicle with another suspect. Store employees provided responding police officers with a description of the vehicle, which was broadcasted to police units in the area.

A Seal Beach Police Officer saw a vehicle matching the description of the suspect vehicle near the intersection of Second Street and P.C.H. in Long Beach. The vehicle and occupants were detained. A field investigation revealed the vehicle had been reported stolen and one of the occupants was identified as the suspect who had passed the counterfeit bill. Additionally, materials used to create counterfeit currency were discovered in the vehicle. Both occupants were arrested for charges related to the stolen vehicle, counterfeiting and identity theft. The United States Secret Service is assisting with the investigation.

The Seal Beach Police Department would like to remind all businesses to be vigilant about counterfeit currency. Report all suspicious activity by calling the Seal Beach Police Department at (562) 799-4100.

If you have additional information regarding this incident, contact Detective Peter Krok at (562) 799-4100 ext. 1110.

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