



# NEWS RELEASE

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**SUBJECT: Counterfeiter and Associates Arrested**

The Newark Police Department has concluded an investigation into counterfeit currency being passed at two businesses. On October 19, a person made a purchase with a counterfeit \$20 bill at the Halloween Spirit store in the College Square Shopping Center. After the transaction was made and the customer left, the employees realized the money was not legitimate.

On November 16, a similarly described person attempted to use a counterfeit \$50 bill at the McDonalds restaurant on Main St. Employees challenged the legitimacy of the bill and the customer began to argue, but left the restaurant when management called the police.

Based on information provided by the stores' employees, including distinct visible tattoos, the investigation focused on Larry Sexton. An arrest warrant was obtained, and surveillance was established on areas that Sexton was known to frequent. Sexton was ultimately taken into custody by Newark Police officers on November 19 outside the McDonalds at the Harmony Plaza Shopping Center. When searched, three counterfeit \$20 bills were found in his pocket. At the time of his arrest, Sexton was accompanied by Jason Gallagher and Jeffrey McCann. A search of Jason Gallagher turned up six counterfeit \$20 bills in his pocket.

On the same date, a search warrant was executed at a house on Betts Lane in New Castle, where Sexton was known to spend time. The search resulted in the seizure of the equipment Sexton used to produce the counterfeit bills, including a computer, scanner, and printer. Also found were an additional 148 counterfeit \$20 bills.

The investigation and surveillance determined that Jeffrey McCann was intentionally attempting to conceal Sexton's location from the police, knowing an arrest warrant had been obtained against Sexton.

Larry Sexton	10/1/1979 (31 years)	3 Earlington Ln, Newark, DE
Jason M. Gallagher	8/12/1982 (28 years)	1013 Richfield Dr, Newark, DE
Jeffrey McCann	1/17/1980 (30 years)	1212 Providence Dr, Smyrna, DE

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Sexton was charged with 4 counts of Forgery 1<sup>st</sup> Degree for possession of counterfeit money: 1) at Halloween Spirit, 2) at McDonalds on Main Street, 3) on his person at the time of arrest, and 4) the counterfeit bills found at the New Castle house. Additionally, he was charged with one count of Possession of Forgery Devices for the computer equipment used to make the bills, and with one count of Theft by False Pretense for the transaction at the Halloween store. After an initial appearance at JP Court 11, he was held in default of \$11,000 bail.

Gallagher was charged with one count of Forgery 1<sup>st</sup> Degree. He was released on an unsecured bond of \$2,000.

McCann was charged with Hindering Prosecution. He was held in default of \$4,000 bail.

Any other victims who have received counterfeit bills in the recent past should contact Cpl. Marc Di Francesco at 302-366-7110 ext 402 or [marc.difrancesco@cj.state.de.us](mailto:marc.difrancesco@cj.state.de.us).

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