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## **FIVE KC MEN INDICTED IN COUNTERFEITING CONSPIRACY**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that five Kansas City, Mo., men were indicted by a federal grand jury today in a conspiracy to pass counterfeit money.

**Daniel B. Crofton**, 23, **Gerald Woods**, 33, **Deandre Pointer**, 31, **Demetrice E. Johnson**, 26, and **Donald R. Adkins**, 28, all of Kansas City, Mo., were charged in a four-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that all five defendants conspired to pass counterfeit \$100, \$50 and \$20 bills. According to the indictment, **Crofton** acquired approximately \$4,000 in counterfeit bills from **Woods**, who in turn sold them to **Johnson** and **Adkins** during a meeting at **Pointer's** residence.

On Aug. 4 and 5, 2001, the indictment alleges, **Johnson** and **Adkins** used the counterfeit money to purchase \$2,350 in money orders from the King Foods Superstore, 3401 East Red Bridge, Kansas City, Mo., where **Johnson** worked as a cashier.

**Johnson** later ordered \$2,500 of counterfeit bills from **Pointer**, who in turn contacted **Crofton** to order more counterfeit money. On Aug. 7, 2001, **Crofton** acquired \$2,500 in counterfeit bills from **Woods**; according to the indictment, **Crofton** and **Pointer** were stopped near **Pointer's** residence by Kansas City, Mo., Police Department officers while the counterfeit money was in their possession.

Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that **Crofton** and **Pointer** passed approximately \$4,000 in counterfeit bills on Aug. 4, 2001.

Count Three of the federal indictment alleges that **Johnson** and **Adkins** passed

counterfeit money in exchange for money orders purchased at the King Foods Superstore.

Count Four of the federal indictment alleges that **Crofton** and **Pointer** attempted to pass \$3,420 in counterfeit money on Aug. 7, 2001.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in the indictment are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney D. Michael Green. It was investigated by the U.S. Secret Service and the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department.

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