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COLUMBIA MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO PASSING COUNTERFEIT \$20 BILL AT COUNTY FAIR

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Columbia, Mo., man pleaded guilty in federal court today to passing a counterfeit \$20 bill.

Daniel Aaron Kinney, 22, of Columbia, Mo., pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Nanette K. Laughrey this morning to an indictment that was returned by a federal grand jury on Oct. 4, 2002.

By pleading guilty, Graves said, **Kinney** admitted that he passed a counterfeit \$20 bill on July 18, 2002 at the Miller Spectacular Show in Eldon, Mo., a carnival that was part of the Miller County Fair. **Kinney** passed the counterfeit bill at a food concession stand, Graves said. When the carnival owner realized the bill was a forgery and approached him, **Kinney** began running. The owner and a carnival employee pursued **Kinney** through the carnival midway until they apprehended him, then held him until police officers arrived. An Eldon, Mo., police officer found 11 additional counterfeit \$20 bills in **Kinney's** pants pocket, Graves added.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jim Lynn. It was investigated by the U.S. Secret Service and the Eldon, Mo., Police Department.

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