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KANSAS MAN INDICTED FOR COUNTERFEITING

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Shawnee Mission, Kan., man was indicted by a federal grand jury today for counterfeiting \$20 bills, which he and another person passed at local restaurants.

Matthew D. Montgomery, 31, of Shawnee Mission, was charged in a three-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that **Montgomery** conspired with another person to produce counterfeit currency. In July 2002, **Montgomery** allegedly used a computer at his mother's home to produce the counterfeit bills. **Montgomery** then passed a counterfeit \$20 bill at the LaMona restaurant, 3600 St. John, Kansas City, on Oct. 26, 2002, according to the indictment.

Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that **Montgomery** passed a counterfeit \$20 bill at LaMona restaurant on Oct. 26, 2002.

Count Three of the federal indictment alleges that **Montgomery** was in possession of counterfeit \$20 bills on Oct. 26, 2002.

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.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Curt Bohling. It was investigated by the U.S. Secret Service.

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