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## **KANSAS CITY, MO., MAN SENTENCED FOR PASSING COUNTERFEIT BILLS AT COLUMBIA, MO., POLICE STATION**

**JEFFERSON CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., man was sentenced today for passing counterfeit \$100 bills at the Columbia, Mo., Police Department.

**Andrew Joseph Wieschhaus**, 24, of Kansas City, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Scott O. Wright this afternoon to two years in federal prison without parole. The court also ordered **Wieschhaus** to pay \$800 in restitution, with \$100 in restitution paid to each of eight merchants in the Jefferson City and Columbia area.

On Oct. 11, 2002, **Wieschhaus** pleaded guilty to passing five counterfeit \$100 bills, which he knew to be counterfeit, to a community service aide at the front desk of the Columbia, Mo., Police Department on Sept. 25, 2002. Graves explained that **Wieschhaus** offered the counterfeit \$100 bills to post bond for a charge pending against him in Boone County Municipal Court in Columbia, Mo.

**Wieschhaus** has also admitted to passing 15 of the counterfeit \$100 bills to various merchants in the Jefferson City and Columbia area, Graves added.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Lawrence E. Miller. It was investigated by the U.S. Secret Service and the Columbia, Mo., Police Department.

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