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NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY – September 15, 2011

United States Attorney Laura E. Duffy today announced the prosecution of two individuals separately charged with manufacturing counterfeit United States currency.

The first case involves Kevin J. Cave, who admitted that he manufactured counterfeit United States currency from his residence in San Diego, California. Mr. Cave was arraigned today on a single-count Information charging him with manufacturing counterfeit United States currency. Mr. Cave pled guilty to that charge and admitted that he falsely made, forged, and counterfeited United States currency in the denominations of \$5.00, \$10.00, and \$20.00, which Mr. Cave printed from electronic images of genuine United States currency that he scanned on to his computer. Mr. Cave entered his guilty plea before Magistrate Judge Nita L. Stormes, subject to final acceptance of the plea by United States District Judge Larry A. Burns.

Mr. Cave is scheduled to be sentenced before Judge Burns on December 5, 2011. Cave faces a maximum of 20 years in prison and a maximum \$250,000 fine.

In the second case, Erik R. Wallen pled guilty on September 12, 2011 to manufacturing counterfeit United States currency before U.S. District Judge Thomas J. Whelan. According to the plea agreement filed in this case, Mr. Wallen worked for the past several years at a retail store in San Diego as a cashier. During this time, Mr. Wallen passed approximately \$31,500 in counterfeit United States currency through the retail store. Mr. Wallen admitted that he printed the counterfeit United States currency from an electronic image of a genuine \$100.00 bill that he scanned on to his computer. The plea agreement also provides for Mr. Wallen to pay approximately \$31,500 in restitution to the retail store that was a victim of his crime.

Mr. Wallen is scheduled be sentenced before U.S. District Judge Thomas J. Whelan on January 9, 2012. Mr. Wallen faces a maximum term of 20 years in prison and a maximum \$250,000 fine.

These cases are being investigated by federal agents with United States Secret Service. Mr. Cave is currently in custody of the United States Marshals Service. Mr. Wallen is currently on pre-trial release following the posting of a \$30,000 bond on April 28, 2011.

DEFENDANT

Criminal Case No. 11CR4114-LAB

Kevin J. Cave

SUMMARY OF CHARGES

Count 1: Title 18, United States Code, Section 471 – Manufacturing Counterfeit Currency
Maximum Penalties: 20 years of imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine, and 3 years of supervised release

DEFENDANT

Criminal Case No. 11CR1977-W

Erik R. Wallen

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INVESTIGATING AGENCY

United States Secret Service