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### **Eight indicted for counterfeiting \$100 bills**

MINNEAPOLIS—A federal indictment was recently unsealed charging eight individuals from southern Minnesota in connection to a counterfeiting ring that targeted businesses along the Interstate-35 corridor between the Twin Cities and the Iowa border. The indictment, which was filed on August 2, 2011, charges Eric Michael Dorman, age 34, of Fairmont; Vincent Dwayne Tampio, age 33, of Faribault; Travis Allen Cameron, age 31, Heather Ann Cameron, age 34, and Meranda Lynn O'Connor, age 29, all of Albert Lea; Daniel Jay Wilson, age 27, and Sarah Ann Wood, age 27, both of Owatonna; and Dustin David Hanson, age 34, of Northfield, with one count of uttering altered United States currency. The indictment was unsealed following the initial appearance of seven of the eight defendants in federal court late yesterday. The eighth defendant made her initial appearance earlier today.

In addition to the charges noted above, Dorman was charged with one count of altering U.S. currency, one count of dealing in altered U.S. currency, and one count of uttering altered U.S. currency. Tampio, Travis Cameron, and Heather Cameron were charged with one count of altering U.S. currency and one count of dealing in altered U.S. currency, while O'Connor was charged with one count of uttering altered U.S. currency.

The indictment alleges that from December 23, 2010, through June 21, 2011, Dorman, Tampio, Travis Cameron, and Heather Cameron chemically washed \$5 bills and then printed \$100 information on them. It also alleges that they passed the altered currency.

If convicted, the defendants face a potential maximum penalty of 20 years in prison on each uttering altered U.S. currency count. The potential maximum penalty for each of the additional charges is also 20 years. All sentences will be determined by a federal district court judge.

This case is the result of an investigation by the U.S. Secret Service, the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, the South Central Drug Investigations Unit and the Rice County Drug Task Force. It is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Clifford B. Wardlaw.

The Secret Service and the Minnesota U.S. Attorney's Office want to remind people how to check for counterfeit currency. For more information, visit [http://www.secretservice.gov/know\\_your\\_money.shtml](http://www.secretservice.gov/know_your_money.shtml)

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*An indictment is a determination by a grand jury that there is probable cause to believe that offenses have been committed by a defendant. A defendant, of course, is presumed innocent until he or she pleads guilty or is proven guilty at trial.*