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FOUR INDICTED FOR COUNTERFEITING IN OSWEGO COUNTY

RICHARD S. HARTUNIAN, United States Attorney, Northern District of New York announces that a federal Grand Jury in Syracuse has returned an indictment charging four individuals with conspiracy to counterfeit Federal Reserve Notes. The indictment charges: **ANTHONY PARIS (20, of Oswego, NY), KRISTY GUILDS (24, of Oswego, NY), JEREMY ROWE (20, of Oswego, NY), and MITCH MCQUAID (20, of Oswego, NY)**, with the felony offense of conspiracy to manufacture and pass counterfeit currency (\$10.00 and \$20.00 Federal Reserve Notes), in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 472 and 371. If found guilty, the defendants face a statutory maximum sentence of 20 years imprisonment and a maximum fine of \$250,000.00.

Specifically, the Indictment alleges the following:

COUNT 1

From on or about June 1, 2010, through June 15, 2010, in Oswego County, in the Northern District of New York and elsewhere, defendants

**ANTHONY PARIS,
KRISTY GUILDS
JEREMY ROWE, and
MITCH MCQUAID,**

and others known and unknown, knowingly, intentionally, and unlawfully combined, conspired, confederated, and agreed with one another to commit the following offenses against the United States: (1) falsely making, forging, and counterfeiting obligations and securities of the United States with the intent to defraud, contrary to Title 18, United States Code, Section 471; and (2) passing, uttering, concealing, and possessing falsely made, forged, and counterfeited obligations and securities of the United States with the intent to defraud, contrary to Title 18, United States Code, Section 472.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 371.

OVERT ACTS

In furtherance of the conspiracy, and to effect the objects thereof, the defendants and co-conspirators committed the following overt acts, among others, in the Northern District of New York and elsewhere:

1. On or about June 10, 2010, defendants ANTHONY PARIS, KRISTY GUILDS, and JEREMY ROWE transported a Canon Pixma printer from Buffalo, New York, to Hamilton Homes, apartment number 36, Oswego, New York.

2. On or about June 10, 2010, defendant ANTHONY PARIS passed a counterfeit Federal Reserve Note in the denomination of twenty dollars (\$20.00) at a McDonald's restaurant in Mexico, New York.

3. On or about June 14, 2010, defendants ANTHONY PARIS, KRISTY GUILDS, JEREMY ROWE, and MITCH MCQUAID utilized a Canon Pixma printer to falsely make counterfeit Federal Reserve notes at Hamilton Homes, apartment number 36, Oswego, New York.

4. On or about June 15, 2010, defendants ANTHONY PARIS, KRISTY GUILDS, JEREMY ROWE, and MITCH MCQUAID utilized a Canon Pixma printer to falsely make counterfeit Federal Reserve notes at Hamilton Homes, apartment number 36, Oswego, New York.

5. On or about June 15, 2010, defendants ANTHONY PARIS and MITCH MCQUAID stole two printer ink cartridges from a Wal-Mart store in Oswego, New York.

6. On or about June 15, 2010, defendant MITCH MCQUAID attempted to pass a counterfeit Federal Reserve Note in the denomination of twenty dollars (\$20.00) to KQ Restaurant, 293 State Route 104, Oswego, New York.

7. On or about June 15, 2010, defendant MITCH MCQUAID attempted to pass a counterfeit Federal Reserve Note in the denomination of ten dollars (\$10.00) at Boscos and Geers located at 343 East Avenue #1, Oswego, New York.

COUNT 2

On or about June 10, 2010, in the Northern District of New York, the defendant,
ANTHONY PARIS,
with intent to defraud, did pass and utter at a McDonald's restaurant, 3362 Main Street, Mexico, New York, a falsely made, forged, and counterfeited obligation of the United States, that is, a Federal Reserve Note in the denomination of twenty dollars (\$20.00), series number 2006, serial number IK86208418B, which he then knew to be falsely made, forged, and counterfeited.
In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 472.

COUNT 3

On or about June 15, 2010, in the Northern District of New York, the defendant,
MITCH MCQUAID,
with intent to defraud, did pass and utter, and attempt to pass and utter to KQ Restaurant, 293 State Route 104, Oswego, New York, a falsely made, forged, and counterfeited obligation of the United States, that is, a Federal Reserve Note in the denomination of twenty dollars (\$20.00), which he then knew to be falsely made, forged, and counterfeited.
In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 472.

COUNT 4

On or about June 15, 2010, in the Northern District of New York, the defendant,
MITCH MCQUAID,

with intent to defraud, did pass and utter, and attempt to pass and utter at Boscos and Geers, 343 East Avenue #1, Oswego, New York, a falsely made, forged, and counterfeited obligation of the United States, that is, a Federal Reserve Note in the denomination of ten dollars (\$10.00), which he then knew to be falsely made, forged, and counterfeited.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 472.

The charges and allegations contained in the Indictment are merely accusations, and the defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

This prosecution resulted from an investigation conducted by the Oswego Police Department, and the United States Secret Service, Syracuse Field Office. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Ransom P. Reynolds. Further questions may be directed to Executive Assistant U.S. Attorney John Duncan at (315) 448-0672.