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Some McCook bankers put out a warning to businesses and individuals that counterfeit \$20 bills were being passed to several retailers and one of the banks in McCook toward the end of November.

With the holiday season here, it's wise to always be cautious, said Perkins County Sheriff Jim Brueggeman.

He advises anyone who is suspicious about money to take it to a local bank or to the sheriff's office to have it checked.

Brueggeman said a fake \$20 was passed to the NAPA store in Grant during late August. The bill passed had come from winnings received in a golf tournament.

The money was forwarded to the Secret Service for investigation, said Brueggeman.

According to a McCook banker, the counterfeit bills passed there were printed on thicker paper that did not have some security features, including watermarks and security thread.

The bills also appeared to have been cut by hand since edges weren't straight.

With so many scams going around, and during this time of year when everyone is caught up in a hurried mode, it's especially important to be on the lookout for something out of the ordinary.

