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Moorhead Police Department

David G. Ebinger
Chief of Police

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Incident Number #09-00996
Counterfeit Money Arrests

Moorhead Police arrested three adults overnight for possessing/presenting counterfeit money. Just prior to midnight, an employee of the M&H convenience store contacted police about three counterfeit \$10 bills that were just passed.

With the assistance of the U.S. Secret Service, Rianna Marie Mesa (19), Ashley Nicole Perpuly (18), and Richard Florencio Perpuly (23) were arrested at 910 2nd Avenue South in Moorhead on Felony level charges through the Clay County Attorney's office with consideration for appropriate Federal charges. Evidence of counterfeiting was seized.

Counterfeit \$10 bills reportedly had been passed in other businesses in Moorhead and are believed to be in circulation within the public.

These counterfeit bills are copies with a different feeling paper, there are no watermarks, no security strip, and no green or red fibers within the bills. These bills also ended with the last serial numbers of 2197A, and 2219A. We are asking that people take the time to check the \$10 bills that they possess to ensure that they have not received any of the counterfeits through a transaction. Anyone believing they have a counterfeit bill is asked to turn it into the Moorhead Police Department.

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