

## Shortchanging the blind: Very good, interesting article!

by John Lanning

Not only would such a change help the blind it would also have a great effect on the counterfeiting of our paper money! It makes me wonder greatly why a government which has went to great lengths and expense with watermarks and implanted threads in our currency as a means to supposedly counter act the counterfeiting, yet blatantly refuses to embrace this Court's directive which would help that of our sightless citizens? I believe there is much more at play here than perhaps meets the eye. Here on our South West border with Mexico counterfeit currency is rampant! And it continues to be rampant despite all of the watermarking and added threads to it. Down here we have two economies, Alien Smuggling and Narcotics Trafficking, EVERYTHING else is simply a byproduct. Given the huge sums of cash these two enterprises bring in, and the fact that the organizations are made up of crooks to begin with, it shouldn't be surprising for you to understand how easily this counterfeit currency is put into circulation? Both the Narcotics and Human Smuggling organizations are made up of "extended cells" which include a whole bunch of not-the-sharpest-tools-in-the-shed, who get paid piecemeal for whatever small part of the smuggling operation they are involved with. It's all broken down into "legs" and then a given amount of money agreed to based upon poundage or head count be it dope or people. A "foot guide" a person which leads a group of smuggled people through the desert may be paid, lets say \$150 per person in his group for a leg which takes two days to complete. For simple figuring lets say his average group of smuggled Aliens is 20 people. After his two days in the desert and his group delivered to the "Load-out Zone", where the next leg begins, he is paid \$3000. Quite often this payment is made in the dark of night and in a somewhat hurried manner. Even in good lighting a lot of this counterfeit is hard to detect for the unknowing, let alone these often illiterate foot guides, load car drivers and drop house caretakers. Often they even knowingly except a portion of their payments in counterfeit by way of simple fear of upsetting the higher ups of the organizations. Much of this countefeit is undetectable by the "marker pens" which bussinesses have relied on for many years as a means of detecting them, as too are the more advance scanning machines for such. When a person then places on top of that, the fact that many of these Smuggling Orgonzations operate legitimate bussiness, and generally operated in areas near to and involved with Interstate traffic, a person can quickly see how the counterfeit is funneled out of the imeditate area by this unsuspecting freeway traffic bying fuel, rooms, meals or a host of other such activity. However it doesn't end there. Some of the ATM machines are in fact used as a means to launder both legal tender (although illicted funds) and to pass counterfeit bills. Again unknown to the unsuspecting, many of these machines are in fact owned or filled with currency by these same Smuggling Organizations on and near this border and interstates. All of this has been taking place for several years now and despite the large amount of Federal law enforcement in these areas, not a damn thing has been done to address it, it has only grown. Somehow it's not surprising for me to learn that the government is against making changes to the currency which would not only asist the blind, but might also foil all of this rampant counterfeiting.

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