

# NEWS RELEASE



## City of Rancho Cucamonga Police Department



Date/Time of Arrest: October 7, 2009 at approximately 1:30 p.m.

Crime: PC 475(A) Counterfeit Money

Location: Ralph's, 7369 Milliken Avenue, Rancho Cucamonga

Suspect: #1 Sofia Suarez, 34 year old, resident of San Fernando Valley

#2 30 year old Hispanic Male, short, heavy build, gold front tooth

### SUMMARY

On October 7, 2009 at approximately 1:30 p.m., Deputies assigned to the Rancho Cucamonga Police Station responded to a call of a woman trying to use a counterfeit \$100 bill to purchase an item at the Ralph's located at 7369 Milliken Avenue. During further investigation, it was learned that several Ralph's Grocery Stores and Lowes had recently received counterfeit \$100 bills from a suspect matching the description of Sofia Suarez, along with an unidentified 30 year old Hispanic male, described as short, heavy build, with a gold front tooth. Deputies arrested Sofia Suarez for PC 475(A) Counterfeit Money. The male suspect has not been apprehended.

The Rancho Cucamonga Police Department would like to alert all businesses as to the circulation of the counterfeit \$100 bills. Safety features usually practiced by businesses to detect counterfeit currency which includes checking the bill for micro printing, watermarks, security thread, and using the "counterfeit pen" is not successful in the detection of these counterfeit \$100 bills. They **do not** however, if held under an ultraviolet light, emulate the red line that would be there if the \$100 bill was authentic.

The counterfeit money is being "passed" by individuals purchasing a small dollar item and paying with a \$100 bill. The "passers" are also known to approach those cashiers that might not be as experienced in counterfeit detection.

If you suspect someone of trying to "pass" counterfeit money, do not return the bill, delay the customer with an excuse, take note of what the customer is wearing, and call your local police department immediately.

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