

Currency = counterfeiting  
money copying for the purpose of deception

- ↳ most commonly counterfeited items
- currency (up to 20 years in jail &/or a \$250,000 fine)
  - bonds
  - traveller's checks
  - coins
  - food stamps
  - postage stamps

↳ US Secret Service - federal agency in charge of investigating counterfeiting crimes.

↳ Security Features

1. feel of the bill - 75% cotton 25% linen
2. iodine pens - iodine turns black in the presence of cellulose (in paper) & not on real currency
3. Portrait stands out from the background & appears raised off the paper
4. Raised printing
5. Tiny microprinting on security thread & near the portrait (#5 & up)
6. Different denominations have different background colors
7. Watermark - to the right of the portrait
8. The denomination written in yellow
9. Treasury Seal - in green ink, has sharp points that cannot be copied
10. Serial # - same green ink as the treasury seal & the numbers/letters are evenly spaced
11. Check letter & quadrant number
12. Federal Reserve Seal - no sharp points
13. Clear blue & red silk embedded in the bill
14. security strip
15. Color shifting ink green → copper
16. Clear & distinct background details & lines
17. " " border edges