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Bristol Police charge with three Felony Counterfeiting Charges. \$5830 in counterfeit cash.

On Wednesday March 14, 2012 Bristol Police Arrested James Suarez age 26 of 22 Bradford Street 3rd floor on two felony charges of Passing Counterfeit Bill or Note, and one felony charge of Possession of Counterfeit Bill or Note. The investigation began on February 28, 2012 when Bristol Police took a complaint at 1:52 AM of a counterfeit \$20 bill at the Shell Food Mart located at 579 Metacom Ave. The store clerk reported that a white male attempted to purchase cigarettes with the \$20 bill. The clerk checked the bill with a bill marker and found the bill to be counterfeit. The male suspect left the store and the clerk called the police. Bristol Police posted an image of the male suspect from store surveillance inside Bristol police headquarters.

On March 1, 2012 at 2:00 AM Officer Wood observed a male fitting the description at the Shell Mart and identified him to be James Suarez age 26. On March 2, 2012 an employee at the Judge Roy Bean Salon located at 1 State Street reported receiving a counterfeit \$20 bill. The two bills were forward to the US Secret Service and confirmed to be counterfeit.

On March 14, 2012 Detective Keith Medeiros and Detective Adam Clifford responded to 22 Bradford Street apt#3 and located James Suarez. Suarez responded to the Bristol Police Department where he was later arrested and charged. A search warrant was obtained for Suarez' residence. Bristol Police seized (43) \$100 counterfeit bills, (4) \$50 counterfeit bills, (45) \$20 counterfeit bills, (43) \$10 counterfeit bills, paper, a cutting board, a computer hard drive, computer monitor, a modem, and one printer. Suarez was formally arraigned in the Sixth Division District Court in Providence on March 15. Bail was set at \$30,000 with surety.

Attachment: two photographs