



# CHICO POLICE DEPARTMENT

## *Public Service Announcement*

530-897-4942

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### "Motion Picture Use Only" money being circulated

#### **NARRATIVE:**

The Chico Police Department has been made aware that commercially-produced motion picture money is being passed as authentic currency around Chico.

Commercially-produced replica money is normally used as prop cash in movies and television shows. While not an exact replica, the bills look similar enough to authentic cash that it may be accepted if not carefully inspected.

The replica bills are stamped "**For Motion Picture Use Only**" and in smaller lettering "**This Note Is Not Legal, It Is To Be Used For Motion Pictures**". The bills lack the usual security features such as watermarks and microprinting.

Businesses and citizens are encouraged to closely scrutinize all currency and ensure bills are authentic legal tender. According to the United States Secret Service, possessing a replica bill with printing on both sides is illegal, as is attempting to pass a prop bill as legal tender for any transaction.

If you are given a prop bill, get a description of the suspect and refuse or confiscate the bill and immediately call the Chico Police Department at 530-897-4911.

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