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Amity Township police warn merchants of counterfeit \$100 bills

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Amity Township police warned area merchants to be on the lookout for people passing high-quality counterfeit \$100 bills after a man spent two of them at businesses in Douglassville.

Police said the man may be part of a ring distributing counterfeit bills and that there were other incidents last week in Pottstown and Limerick.

"They are very good fakes," said Officer Jeffrey Smith of the Amity police. "I could only find one or two little things that were off."

Smith said a black man wearing a black suit passed the bills at a Chinese restaurant and a liquor store on Thursday night. Both times he used the large bills to buy items worth only a few dollars and left with the change.

The counterfeits were not detected with markers merchants use to authenticate money, Smith said. They were discovered only after the money was deposited at area banks.

Smith said he is working with other local police and the Secret Service in an ongoing investigation.

Police provided a further description:

The man was about 40 years old and 6 feet tall. He was wearing a black suit and a white striped shirt. Police did not get a description of his vehicle.

Amity police asked anyone with information to call 610-689-6002.