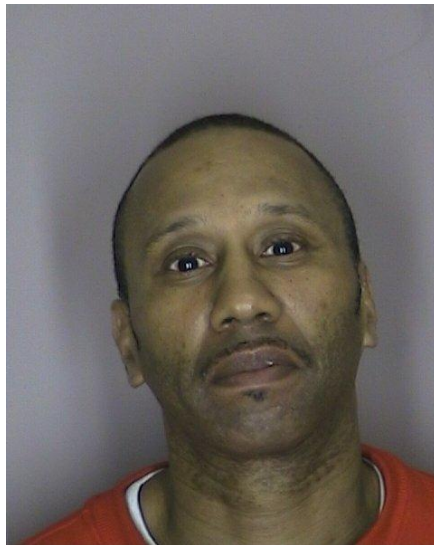




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Up to 7 Years in State Prison for Possessing \$1,000 in Counterfeit U.S. Currency



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that DAVID KING, 44, of Albany, pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument in the Second Degree, a Class D Felony, before the Honorable Stephen Herrick in Albany County Court this morning.

On April 16, 2013, the defendant was detained by members of law enforcement and found to be in possession of \$1,000 in counterfeit United States currency. The defendant was on his way to sell the counterfeit money for \$300 in legitimate currency. A search warrant executed at the defendant's residence uncovered additional counterfeit money.

KING faces up to 3 ½ to 7 years in State Prison when sentenced on July 9, 2014.

The case against KING's co-defendant LEVAR VANHOESEN remains open and pending at this time.

“Improvements in the technology industry have resulted in better quality printers capable of making better counterfeit money. Citizens are encouraged to scrutinize dollars returned to them when engaged in retail transactions. The Capital Region continues to be a destination point for counterfeiters looking to sell and wash their money. Citizens are encouraged to contact law enforcement if they witness or have any information about this criminal behavior,” commented District Attorney Soares.

Financial Crimes Unit Bureau Chief Daniel Lynch is handling the prosecution of both cases.

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