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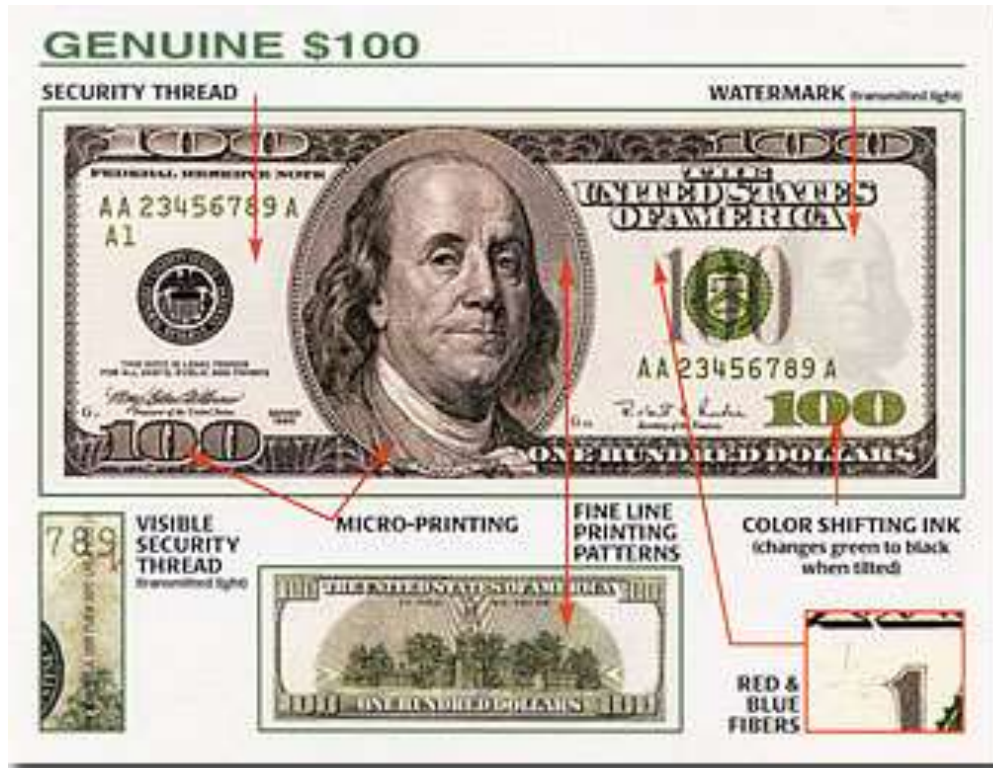
As the events of the long weekend have come to a close, another month of business begins! July has been a busy month with many summer events such as the Boundary Bay air show and biweekly Ladner market days. We're hoping the warmer weather is bringing people out onto the streets and is a positive for your business.

The following statistics are a summary of reported Ladner commercial crime offences in **JULY 2014**.

Robbery	1
Break & Enter Commercial	3
Theft of Vehicle	3
Theft From Vehicle	32

COUNTERFEIT MONEY

This past month we have had a few reports on counterfeit US \$100 bills being used in the 5200 block of Ladner Trunk Road. As police investigation continues we do recommend businesses take the necessary action to help prevent this type of fraud from occurring such as reviewing ways to identify counterfeit bills with your staff. Pamphlets on American bills are available at the Ladner Community Police Station office.



What should you do if you have encountered a counterfeit bank note?

- Do not retain bills.
- Do not accuse the customer, explain to them why your store's policy or why you feel uncomfortable accepting the bank note.
- Tell the customer to have it verified by any local bank.
- Contact the Delta Police Department at the non-emergency number 604-940-4411.

CYBER SECURITY

Protecting your business from online criminals is just as important as protecting against shoplifters. Alongside the dramatic increase in technology over the years, comes increasing cyber crime and attacks. Crimes range from hacking of business email addresses to computer IP addresses.

Preventive measures:

- Do not provide personal information when prompted.
- Used free web-based email addresses.
 - Delete email address when no longer required
- Work behind a firewall:
 - Firewalls restrict traffic between networks.
 - Use a firewall which does not allow any traffic inbound.
- Do not install software, utilities or download files, from untrustworthy sites
- Erase browser history, cached pages, form values:
 - Be aware which such files can be recovered if not wiped.
- Do not open an email from an incredible sender (Delete email immediately).
- Do not click on any pop-up ads.

The Delta Police Department's website also provides anti fraud and cyber safety links:

<http://deltapolice.ca/services/community/fraud/resources>



For more information, or to arrange a crime prevention training session, contact the Ladner Community Police Station at ladcops@deltapolice.ca with the email title “BW Crime Prevention Program”.