

## **News Release**

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## **Duo Charged with Counterfeiting at Four City Businesses**

The Fredericksburg Police Department arrested two suspects Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> for passing counterfeit money at four City businesses located in the Cowan Crossing Strip Mall.

Last week on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at approximately 8:30 p.m., a male and a female (photos right) passed counterfeit bills at the Starbucks, Jersey Mike's, Vocelli's Pizza, and Chipotle Mexican Grill located in the Cowan Crossing strip mall. An Attempt-to-Identify flyer was sent to local law enforcement and the public through social media.

On Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at approximately 6:00p.m., the suspects entered the Starbucks again and attempted to purchase items with counterfeit money. An employee recognized the duo from the Attempt-to-Identify flyer and contacted police.

Babo Opeyemi Obaro, 24, of White Plains, Maryland was arrested on five charges of forging coin/banknotes, five charges of obtaining money by false pretenses, and a charge of possession of forged coin/banknotes.

Briana Renee Brown, 22, of Waldorf, Maryland was arrested on two charges on obtaining money by false pretenses and three charges of banknote/coin forgery.



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The suspects have been charged by other local jurisdictions for the same types of crime. Brown and Obaro are both incarcerated at Rappahannock Regional Jail without bond.

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