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VPD Detectives Seeking Man Using FAKE Money at Firework Stand, Urging Public to be Aware of Counterfeit Bills

Visalia PD Detectives need your help to find 56-year-old Mark Ananian.

This morning, Ananian used a counterfeit \$50.00 bill at a firework stand in Visalia. Ananian has a lengthy history of passing counterfeit bills in the Visalia and Tulare area. He was recently arrested by COS PD and found with numerous counterfeit bills.

Ananian currently has three active warrants for his arrest.

If you have any information regarding Ananian's whereabouts, please contact Visalia Police Department at 559-734-8116. Those wishing to remain anonymous can contact the Anonymous Tip Line at (559) 713-4738.

The Visalia Police Department would like to remind the public to please pay close attention when handling money as some of the fake bills can appear very real.

Here are a few tips to spot counterfeit money:

- Check for color-shifting ink
- Check the watermark
- Find the security thread
- Compare the bill with another of the same value
- Check blue and red threads
- Check serial numbers
- Check the bills texture
- Check for blurriness

