

# Leavenworth woman convicted on charges related to using counterfeit \$100 bill to purchase cigarettes from 7-Eleven

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CASE NUMBER: 2024-CR-000472

LEAVENWORTH, Kan. --- A 34-year-old Leavenworth woman who used a counterfeit \$100 bill to purchase cigarettes from a convenience has pled guilty.

On Friday, Nov. 1, **Jessica Lynn Brown** pled guilty to individual counts of **Counterfeiting Currency** and **Theft**. On July 24, 2024, Brown used a counterfeit \$100 bill to purchase a carton of cigarettes for \$52.45. Brown was given change and left the store. A supervisor later discovered the bill was counterfeit, reviewed security camera footage, and identified which customer used the counterfeit bill. Leavenworth police officers later confirmed Jessica Brown was the customer caught on video.

Leavenworth County Attorney Todd Thompson said, “Anyone handling money should be careful, especially when dealing with larger bills. Spotting counterfeit bills can be tricky, but some steps can be taken to help identify fake bills.” Thompson continued, “Hold bills up to a light source and check for color-shifting ink and to see if the bill contains a security thread. Look for blurry borders or text and check for raised printing. When in doubt, be cautious.”

A sentencing hearing is scheduled for Nov. 1, 2024.