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## **UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE ANNOUNCES SEIZURE OF \$8.4 MILLION IN COUNTERFEIT CURRENCY IN PERU**

(Washington, D.C.) – In February of this year, the United States Secret Service, in partnership with the Peruvian National Police, created a task force based in Lima to suppress a dramatic rise in counterfeit United States currency emanating from that country. The Secret Service has seen a dramatic rise in the passing domestically of one particular series of \$100 counterfeit notes believed to have been printed in Peru. This specific series of counterfeit notes has been passed throughout the United States and particularly in South Florida, New York, Newark and Los Angeles.

On April 6, 2009, the Peruvian Counterfeit Task Force executed two search warrants on target locations inside Peru, where it was believed these particular counterfeit U.S. Federal Reserve Notes were being produced. The search warrants resulted in the arrests of five suspects and the seizure of \$8.4 million in counterfeit \$100 dollar notes. Also seized were eight lithographic printing presses, as well as numerous plates and negatives used in the manufacture of counterfeit United States currency.

The United States Secret Service was originally founded in 1865 for the purpose of suppressing the counterfeiting of U.S. currency. Over the years it has grown into one of the premier law enforcement organizations charged with investigating various financial crimes, including taking a lead role in the developing area of cyber crime. The agency establishes working partnerships in both the law enforcement and business communities to address such issues as protection of critical infrastructure, Internet intrusions and associated fraud.

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*Among the items seized on April 6, 2009 by the Peruvian Counterfeit Task Force were eight lithographic printing presses, as well as numerous plates and negatives used in the manufacture of counterfeit United States currency. Photo courtesy of the U.S. Secret Service.*



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*\$8.4 million in counterfeit \$100 dollar notes and numerous plates and negatives used in the manufacture of counterfeit United States currency were seized by the Peruvian Counterfeit Task Force on April 6, 2009. Photo courtesy of the U.S. Secret Service.*