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Man Passing Counterfeit \$50 Bills Succeeds at Some Downtown Darien Businesses

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What are the odds that a man passing counterfeit \$50 bills will succeed at a retail business in Darien? What are the odds that those store clerks who do reject the bills will immediately call police?

A report to police on Saturday worked like a real-life experiment giving an indication about what the answers to those questions might be, although police may not have found all the stores visited by the man and his counterfeit money.

Here's how Darien police described what happened:

An employee at a store at 1074 Post Road (which is where Wiggles & Giggles is located, according to Google, although police didn't say that), called police at 1:36 p.m. to report that a man unsuccessfully tried to pass a \$50 bill to pay for a \$6.50 book.

The employee told police that the bill looked old and "not real."

She told police that the man trying to pass it looked Hispanic and possibly in his 20s.

Because the employee thought the bill was fake, she told the man that she didn't have enough change to give him. He said he would get change, left the store — and never came back.

After talking with the store employee, police went to other, nearby stores to see if the man had made the same attempt elsewhere. They found that he had.

Result of 'Experiment' — What the Odds of Success Seem To Be

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"Of the seven businesses reporting the same incident with the same suspect, two of them accepted the bill and gave change," police said Monday in a news release.

Police took the two counterfeit bills and told the United States Secret Service about them. The investigation is continuing.

What are the odds that the clerks that reject the money will immediately call police?

Of the seven businesses, the total number that contacted police, alerting them to the problem:

One.