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## **Man Caught with Counterfeit Money Heading to State Prison**

**ALBANY, NY** – District Attorney P. David Soares announced that AARON POINDEXTER, 48, of Bronx, pleaded guilty to (1) count of Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument in the First Degree, a class “C” felony, in front of the Honorable Stephen W. Herrick in Albany County Court. In accordance with plea agreement reached December 1, 2011, POINDEXTER will receive a sentence of 3 ½ to 7 years in state prison. POINDEXTER is scheduled to be sentenced in March 2012.

On January 8, 2011, at Crossgates Mall, POINDEXTER possessed over \$4,500 worth of fake one hundred bills. POINDEXTER drove to Albany from New York City and used the counterfeit cash at Crossgates Mall. After passing the fake currency in the mall, security was able to locate the vehicle used by the defendant. Most of the bills were located concealed inside the roof liner of the vehicle he was driving.

"Albany County and nearby communities have a robust retail economy and we're attracting a lot of counterfeiters from outside our community. This is especially true during the holiday season," said Albany County District Attorney David Soares. "I urge local retailers, businesses, and banks to be vigilant in their transactions with cash currency. Customers need to thoroughly check the cash they are getting back as change. If you suspect currency to be fraudulent, immediately contact local law enforcement and the U.S. Secret Service."

The case was investigated by the Guilderland Police Department and the U.S. Secret Service.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney John Czajka.

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