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ORLANDO MAN SENTENCED TO 20 MONTHS FOR SELLING OVER \$100,000 IN COUNTERFEIT CURRENCY

Orlando, Florida - U.S. District Judge Anne C. Conway, today sentenced JENSEN CONTY, 24, to 20 months' imprisonment and two years of supervised release for selling counterfeit United States currency. CONTY was also ordered to perform 100 hours of community service.

On January 30, 2008, CONTY pled guilty to two counts of selling counterfeit Federal Reserve Notes. According to court documents, CONTY sold counterfeit United States currency on two occasions. The first sale was in the amount of \$10,000 of counterfeit currency on October 30, 2007. The second sale was in the amount of \$106,100 of counterfeit currency on November 1, 2007. For each transaction, CONTY agreed to sell the counterfeit currency for 10 percent of its face value. CONTY made the first sale to a confidential informant, and he made the second sale to a confidential informant and an undercover agent. CONTY was arrested after making the second sale, and he was ordered to be held in custody pending prosecution of this case in federal court.

The case was investigated by the United States Secret Service. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Roger B. Handberg.