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Press Release

On 3/24/15 the Bates County Sheriff's Office received information that a male subject was checked into a hotel by the KCI Airport in Kansas City. The information provided to the Sheriff's Office was that this subject was wearing a Bates County Sheriff's Office uniform. The information was that the subject appeared to be under the influence of drugs and caused the staff to question whether or not he was a legitimate police officer.

Upon receiving the information members of the Bates County Sheriff's Office made contact with the Kansas City Police Department and asked for assistance. Information was also obtained that the subject was possibly counterfeiting money in the hotel room. Surveillance was conducted by members of the Bates County Sheriff's Office, Kansas City Police Department and the United States Secret Service.

On 3/25/15 a decision was made to contact the subject in the lobby of the hotel. A search of the hotel room discovered a partial Bates County Sheriffs' Uniform, handcuffs, a fake badge as well as evidence that manufacturing of counterfeit money had taken place in the room. The suspect identified as Brian Laurence Vice was taken into custody by the Kansas City Police Department where he was booked into the Municipal Detention Facility for impersonation a Peace Officer. Vice admitted that he had been counterfeiting for the last year and even selling the counterfeits to other subjects for \$.50 on the dollar. It is believed that Mr. Vice was using the Sheriff's Office Uniform so that merchants would not question the legitimacy of his money. Mr. Vice had received the uniform from his girlfriend who was a relative of a Former Sheriff of Bates County. The type of uniform recovered was not a current style uniform used by the Sheriff's Office today.

On 5/14/2015 an arrest warrant, based off a Grand Jury Indictment, was issued for Brian L Vice for Possession and Utterance of Counterfeit Obligations or Securities.

On 6/4/15 an Investigator with the United States Secret Service contacted the Bates County Sheriff's Office in reference to the Grand Jury Indictment. He asked if we had contact with Mr. Vice. Our agency had been keeping an eye on Mr. Vice's whereabouts while waiting for an arrest warrant to be issued. At approximately 2:00pm on 6/4/15 the Bates County Deputies and Detectives took Mr. Vice into custody at a residence of K Highway.

Mr. Vice was transported to the Bates County Sheriff's Office where he was booked into the Jail. On 6/5/15 Mr. Vice was turned over to the custody of the United States Secret Service.

