



Batesville Police Department

PRESS RELEASE



On Saturday November 29, 2025, Officer Bobby Montgomery with the Batesville Police Department was dispatched to Hobby Lobby located at 1991 Harrison Street in Batesville, Arkansas in reference to a counterfeit \$100 bill they had received.

Officer Montgomery made contact with a manager at Hobby Lobby who advised him that a white male along with two juvenile children came into the store and purchased items. They advised that when the white male checked out with the items he handed the cashier a \$100 bill that appeared to be United State Currency. The male subject was returned change in the amount of \$64.49 after the items were purchased. The manager advised that after the male subject had left, a customer behind him advised the employee the suspect had paid with counterfeit money. After further inspection of the \$100 bill, employees noticed that it had the words "For Motion Picture Purposes" on it.

Officer Montgomery reviewed video surveillance footage from Hobby Lobby and did observe the suspect enter the business with the two juvenile children. After obtaining the items that would be purchased, the suspect can be seen standing at the register checking out and passing the counterfeit \$100 bill to the cashier. Also viewed in the video surveillance footage, it appeared the suspect was holding a large stack of bills at one point.

While taking the report of this incident, Independence County Central Dispatch advised officers that Deputies with the Independence County Sheriff's Department had also been called to a business in the county in regards to a counterfeit \$100 bill. The suspect in that incident was described as the same suspect in the incident at Hobby Lobby.

In the video footage obtained from Hobby Lobby, the suspect had distinct identifiable tattoos on multiple parts of his face and neck. On Monday December 1, 2025, Investigators with the Batesville Police Department released a still shot photograph of the suspect from the video surveillance footage obtained from Hobby Lobby to the public. Numerous tips were called into the Batesville Police Department and Independence County Central Dispatch throughout the day naming the suspect as Joshua Lynn Brogdon. An open source internet and social media search was conducted of Brogdon and photographs were obtained. The photographs obtained through the open source searches confirmed that the suspect in the video surveillance footage from Hobby Lobby was in fact Joshua Lynn Brogdon. An ACIC/NCIC criminal background search of Brogdon was also conducted which produced a known photograph that matched the suspect at Hobby Lobby. Investigators also located a social media photograph of Joshua Lynn Brogdon, an adult female and two juvenile children together. The two juvenile children in the photograph were also identified as the two juveniles in the video surveillance footage with Brogdon at Hobby Lobby.

A search of Brogdon's criminal history through the Arkansas Crime Information Center (ACIC) and the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) and other judicial searches revealed that he is currently on active federal probation through the United States Courts Probation out of the Western District of Tennessee. The criminal history searches also revealed that Brogdon has previously been convicted of at least four (4) prior felonies. It was also learned that Brogdon was just released from the Bureau of Federal Prisons on November 21, 2025.

On Tuesday December 2, 2025, a Bench Warrant was issued on Joshua Lynn Brogdon for one (1) count of Forgery in the First Degree, a Class B Felony. His bond was set at \$50,000 by Independence County District Judge Chaney Taylor. Brogdon is not in custody and has not been arrested for this offense.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'K. Williford', is written over a horizontal line.

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