



# TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

## NEWS RELEASE

**SUBJECT:** Man Scammed out of \$60,000. Cash

**DATE/TIME:** 8/18/15

**LOCATION:** Sunset Avenue

**OFFICERS INVOLVED:** Officer John Hanna and Detective Michael melody

**ACCUSED:** Leonnard Youtcha age 42 Laurel, MD.

**NARRATIVE:**

On 8/18/15 Officer John Hanna responded to a residence on Sunset Avenue in reference to a theft by deception. The victim reported that he had contacted an individual through an on line internet service who claimed to have a money making opportunity for the victim. After emailing back and forth, the victim met with an individual, later identified as Leonnard Youtcha, at his residence who claimed to have a method of counterfeiting money by placing real paper currency between two plain pieces of paper and pouring a liquid solution onto them. The accused claimed that after a few hours the two plain pieces of paper would take on the appearance of the original paper bill. The victim acquired approximately \$60,000. in \$100 bills and with the assistance of the accused, allegedly proceeded to make counterfeit bills with the plain paper and solution. After waiting a period of time and after the accused left the residence, the victim realized that the money was missing and he had been scammed.

Detective Michael Melody was able to identify the accused as Leonnard Youtcha from Laurel MD. Detective Melody has charged Mr. Youtcha with one count of theft by deception. Mr. Youtcha is currently wanted and his whereabouts is unknown at this time.

NO PHOTOS OF ACCUSED ARE AVAILABLE

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