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Ga. man tries to open bank account with fake million-dollar bill, police say

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AIKEN, S.C. — A bank teller had a million reasons to deny this transaction.

Police say a man offered a \$1 million bill and tried to open an account. The employee refused and called police while the man started to curse at bank workers, said Aiken County Sheriff's spokesman Lt. Michael Frank.

Alexander D. Smith, 31, of Augusta, Ga., was charged with disorderly conduct and two counts of forgery, said Frank.

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The second forgery charge came after investigators learned Smith bought several cartons of cigarettes from a nearby grocery store with a stolen check, Frank said.

Smith has a bail hearing scheduled Wednesday, but Deputy Angela Shunn of the Aiken County Detention Center did not know if he had an attorney. An off-hours call to the public defender's office went unanswered.



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This photo, supplied by the Aiken County, S.C., County Sheriff's Office, shows a fake \$1 million bill, which a man tried to use to open an account in a Aiken, S.C., bank Monday, Nov. 26, 2007. Alexander D. Smith, 31, was charged with disorderly conduct and two counts of forgery after he walked into the bank and tried to open an account by depositing the fake \$1 million bill, said an Aiken County Sheriff's spokesman. (AP Photo / Aiken County, S.C., Sheriff's Office)

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