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Be Alert about Fakes

The numismatic publications recently have generated stories, articles, and commentary about the increase of fake silver bullion circulating in the numismatic commence. The stories and accounts by dealers have increased in which they have either been victims of fraud by individual con-artists. Dealers have been approached by these con-artists selling fake silver bars. When the dealers examine the bars closely taking into count the bar dimensions and weight, then they discover that the bars are not the correct silver bar specifications. There is a similar situation with silver eagles. Yes, dealers have been approached in which someone attempted to sell them fake silver eagles. The dealer noticed a different quality in these fake silver eagles, then the US Mint silver eagle coins. The dealer checked the weight of these fake silver eagles and discovered a variation from the normal US Mint silver eagle specifications. You can read these events in your favorite numismatic circulation. There are several important pieces of information that you should consider or observe when purchasing bullion silver. Buy your silver eagles and bars from a reliability dealer and not from someone soliciting that they can give you a deal on pieces of silver below market prices. Or, someone who enters the show and has this supply of silver eagles or bars who wants to sell them, for they need the money. Now, the discussion has been focusing on silver fakes, but you must be aware of that gold fake bars and other numismatic items have entered the numismatic commence. Stories of other precious metals have not circulated the numismatic media, or become a momentary impact to dealers as the silver and gold bullion fakes. One wonders what they must consider to prevent themselves from becoming a victim of fraud by carrying a pocket balance with them when purchasing bullion material. You must have a keen eye and knowledge of the bullion coins when purchasing them from unknown sources. So, show some fortitude when walking and searching the numismatic items when attending a flea market, for that venue is the most likely means for con-artists or unaware merchants to sell fake silver and gold bullion.

Replacing the Tokens and Food Stamps?

Technology supplants the archaic tokens and food stamps in modern commercial market with the deployment of debit or credit cards. Current welfare programs electronically saved someone's benefits onto plastic debit or credit cards identifying the money that they can use to purchase food items in the grocery/supermarket stores.

It is amazing that we return utilizing barter means that occurred in the past. Now, State of Washington has deployed wooden tokens as their exchange process at the Tacoma Farmers Market. When one determines on how much money they want to spend at the market, then they use their plastic cards to obtain these 'Farmer Market' wooden tokens instead of paper vouchers. The person uses these wooden tokens to purchase farm fresh or high quality processed foods. One cannot use these wooden tokens to purchase hot foods, alcohol, or other non-food items. This market place is in Tacoma, Washington state on Broadway Street.