

NIBRS Tip of the Month

Attempted versus Completed

How is Attempted or Completed determined if an individual did not try to pass a forged check or counterfeit money?

✓ **Possession or passing a forged check would be considered a Completed offense. Possession of the equipment to commit the Forgery would be considered as Attempted.**

✓ **Prior knowledge will determine intent: If the individual had prior knowledge that the bill is counterfeit, it is a Completed offense.**

