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Five men who pleaded guilty to being part of the second largest counterfeit bill ring in Connecticut's history, were sentenced Monday by a U.S. District judge.

A sixth man, Joseph Valada, 26, of Guilford, who was tried and found guilty of being the bogus bill supplier, is still awaiting sentencing.

Agents of the Secret Service said the six men were involved in a t t e m p t i n g to distribute \$63,000 in counterfeit bills in southern Connecticut. All except Valada were arrested after federal agents raided a Meriden motel room and confiscated the

money on Oct. 24.

Both David K. Hintlian, 20, of Clinton, and Louis Frank Cammarata, 24, of Westbrook, were sentenced to three years in prison by Judge T. Emmet Clarie in Hartford's federal court.

Alan Bruce Chadinha, 24, of Clinton, a former U.S. Army sergeant and veteran of the Vietnam war, was sentenced to 18 months in prison and is to be eligible for parole at the discretion of federal authorities.

### Suspended Sentences

Both Louroy B. Manning, 28, of Old Saybrook and Robert G. Hintlian, David's brother, were sentenced to one year suspended

and one year probation.

David Margolis, special attorney with the U.S. Justice Department's organized crime and racketeering section, prosecuted the case.

In a separate counterfeiting sentencing Monday, Frederick Edward Howe, 33, of 19 James St., Hartford received 18 months in prison for possessing \$290 worth of bogus bills.

Assistant U.S. Atty. F. Mac Buckley said Howe was arrested Oct. 3 after passing \$140 worth of the money at G. Fox and Co. in Hartford. Federal agents and a Hartford policeman said Howe had the remain-

der of the counterfeit bills in his possession when he was arrested.

Louis Robert Grazio, 26, of 231 Sherman Ave., New Haven, named in the same indictment with Howe and charged with possession of \$1,200 in counterfeit bills, had his case continued to May 25. He is awaiting sentencing after pleading guilty to a conspiracy charge.

### Other Dispositions

In other federal court dispositions, Gerald Phillip Casella, 24, of 364 Park St., New Britain, charged with forging and uttering (passing) two government

checks worth \$213.40, was sentenced to a year in jail.

Mabelle M. Belle, 23, of Springfield, Mass., charged with mail fraud and false statement to government authorities, was sentenced to 18 months in prison. She reportedly set up a mail box under an assumed name and using a stolen Connecticut Bank and Trust Co. credit card built up \$4,700 in debts that were never paid.

Also sentenced were: Patricia Ann Thornton, 20, of Putnam, one year suspended, two years probation for bank embezzlement; Pasquale Anthony Cammarota, 53, of 273 Fairview Dr.,

Kensington, a \$300 fine for forging and uttering; Thomas Raymond Morgan, 34, of Great Neck, L.I., N.Y., one year suspended, one year probation and a \$500 fine for bond jumping; and Dorothy Nicoletti, 42, of Bristol, one year suspended, one year probation for falsifying bank records.