

CATEGORY: CRIMES

TOTAL TIME: 1 Hour

Beth was broke. She had only ten dollars to buy a week's worth of groceries for her three kids. As she cruised the store aisles, looking for the cheapest foods, she saw Mac drop a fifty dollar bill. She rushed to pick it up and pretended to look for Mac, in case anyone was watching her, but she didn't actually try to return Mac's money to him.

When she came to the produce aisle, Beth removed the "organic" tags from the organic bananas and put a few regular banana tags on them, so they'd look like the cheaper regular bananas. When she filled a small paper bag full of trail mix, she placed a scoopful of the more expensive tropical trail mix at the bottom of the bag, then filled the rest of the bag with regular trail mix.

At the checkout stand, Beth told the clerk that her bag of bagels contained a dozen bagels, though she had actually stuffed thirteen into the bag. He charged her for a dozen. Beth put one bottle of soda on the counter and left one in the cart. She didn't mention the one in the cart to the clerk and hoped he wouldn't notice it, but he did notice and charged her for both bottles of soda. She also paid the cheaper price for both bananas and trail mix.

When Beth handed the clerk the fifty dollar bill to pay for groceries and he counted out her change, two bills stuck together and the clerk unknowingly gave her an extra dollar in change. Beth didn't see the mistake until she was exiting the store and decided to say nothing.

Just outside the store, Beth found a pink wallet decorated with rhinestone daisies. Inside the wallet were two twenty dollar bills but no ID or credit cards. "Finders keepers," Beth said. "I guess this really is my lucky day."

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