

Fake Money Snarls Traffic

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Drivers who thought they were on the road to riches caused a huge traffic jam on the 10-lane Moscow Ring Road as they scurried out of their cars to pick up what looked like scattered money.

But the Wednesday morning chaos was all in vain.

"Somebody made a stupid joke" by throwing wads of bookmarks resembling 1,000 ruble notes (\$35) along a stretch of the road circling Moscow, police spokesman Arkady Bashirov said. Sprinkler trunks were called in to wash away the fakes, he said.

A similar traffic jam happened last July — but with real money — when two Moscow officials detained with 10 million rubles (\$350,000) in alleged bribe money threw the cash on the road.

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