

Liberty Dollar's founder did not expect government's seizures

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(PHOTO CAPTION) The Nov. 14 raid by federal agents in North Carolina, Idaho and Indiana included the seizure of thousands of Liberty Dollar silver medallions depicting a portrait of Texas congressman and presidential candidate Ron Paul on the obverse.

The monetary architect for the Liberty Dollar, Bernard von NotHaus, was hoping the federal government and the general American populace would be accommodating toward his "private, voluntary barter currency."

What he wasn't expecting was a two-year probe of his business operations, sparking the Nov. 14, 2007, seizure by FBI and Secret Service agents of tons of the Liberty Dollar medallions in various precious metals along with copper versions. Among the confiscated pieces are thousands bearing the portrait of one of the Republican presidential candidates, Ron Paul.

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