

Federal agents seize coins and silver

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Evansville -- Federal agents seized 2 tons of copper coins featuring Republican presidential candidate Ron Paul and 500 pounds of silver during a raid on the headquarters of a group seeking to dissolve the Federal Reserve.

Agents also took records and computers and froze the bank accounts at the "Liberty Dollar" headquarters during the Thursday raid, said Bernard von NotHaus, founder of the National Organization for the Repeal of the Federal Reserve Act & Internal Revenue Code.

The organization, which introduced its "Liberty Dollars" nearly a decade ago, has repeatedly clashed with the federal government, which contends its gold, silver, platinum and copper coins are illegal.

The document did not include details linking the allegations to Paul's campaign.

"We have no connection with that," said Jesse Benton, a Paul campaign spokesman. Von NotHaus "was using Ron as a marketing technique."

Paul, a Texas congressman, is Congress' most prominent advocate of returning to the gold standard, which the country abandoned in the 1930s.