



Special Alert

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TO: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
SUBJECT: *Missing, Stolen and Fictitious Official Checks*

The Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) has advised us that fictitious cashier's checks drawn on the City National Bank of New Jersey, Newark, New Jersey, are in circulation. A copy of a legitimate instrument and a copy of a counterfeit instrument are attached. If you have any information concerning this matter, please contact the bank by telephone at (201) 624-0865 or by fax at (201) 624-4369.

We also have been informed that official checks drawn on National Bank of Canton (formerly known as Union National Bank), Macomb, Illinois, bearing numbers 049001 through and including 053400 are missing and presumed stolen. A specimen copy is attached. If you have any information concerning this matter, please contact Ms. Sue Dunseth, Vice President and Cashier, National Bank of Canton, 130 North Side Square, Macomb, Illinois 61455. You also may contact Ms. Dusetth by telephone at (309) 837-0113 or by fax at (309) 833-5900.

In addition, we have been advised that fictitious cashier's checks drawn on Merchantile Bank, N. A., Brownsville, Texas, are in circulation. If you have any information concerning this matter, please contact Ms. Joyce Cox at the bank by telephone at (512) 886-6483 or by fax at (512) 886-6583. A specimen copy is not available.

Information concerning these instruments also may be forwarded to the FDIC's Special Activities Section, 550 17th Street, N.W., Room F-6012, Washington, DC 20429.

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Director

Attachments: [facsimiles - not available in electronic version]

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