



Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation
550 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20429

Division of Supervision

Special Alert

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TO: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
SUBJECT: *Stolen or Counterfeit Cashier's Checks*

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) has learned that a number of obsolete cashier's checks drawn on The Columbia Bank, Columbia, Maryland, have been stolen and/or counterfeited. The instruments have serial numbers ranging from 3058 to 4000 and are further identified as originating from the bank's Harper's Choice Office. A copy of one such instrument is attached for your information. This type of cashier's check has not been used by the bank since April 1, 1996.

Any information you have concerning this matter should be brought to the attention of:

The Columbia Bank
Corporate Security
10480 Little Patuxent Parkway
Columbia, MD 21044
Telephone (410) 730-2243

Information concerning these instruments also may be forwarded to the FDIC's Special Activities Section, 550 17th Street, N.W., Room F-612, Washington, D.C. 20429.

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Director

Attachment: Check facsimile, not available electronically

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