



**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: *Counterfeit Official Checks*

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) has learned that counterfeit official checks drawn on Sterling National Bank and Trust, New York, New York, are in circulation. A copy of one such instrument is attached for your information.

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

Mr. Joseph McGee  
Vice President and Security Officer  
Sterling National Bank and Trust  
New York, New York  
Telephone (212) 575-5230  
Fax (212) 575-3485

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

Nicholas J. Ketcha Jr.  
Director

Attachment: An electronic version of the attachment is not available.

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