



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 Drafts and Counterfeit Cashier's Checks*

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) has learned that a substantial number of drafts drawn on Franklin First Savings Bank, 44 West Market Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, have been stolen. A copy of one of the stolen instruments is attached. The instruments have pre-printed signatures and bear serial numbers in the following ranges:

Starting Number

Ending Number

335351001

335393434

335393485

335401000

146843089

146843250

146843846

146844000

146844751

146845500

146846251

146847000

146847751

146848500

146849251

146850000

146853751

146854500

146855251

146856000

146866501

146883000

827769001

827787000

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

Mr. Robert J. Adams
Vice President - Security
Franklin First Savings Bank
44 West Market Street
Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania 18773-0449
Telephone (717) 821-7181

The FDIC also has learned that counterfeit cashier's checks drawn on Tri Counties Bank, Chico, California, are in circulation. The counterfeit instruments have an incorrect address for the bank, and the Federal Reserve routing symbol is incorrect. The legitimate cashier's checks have nine-digit serial numbers, while the counterfeit instruments presented to date have been numbered 30847 and 30848. Both the counterfeit instruments and the legitimate checks are blue in color. The counterfeit instruments presented to date also have the name "Marvin Jones" and Account #014-3572671 printed on the face, and are signed by "Sarah Jones." A copy of a counterfeit instrument and a copy of the bank's legitimate cashier's check are attached.

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

Ms. Bonnie Burger or Ms. Karen Van Houtte
Tri Counties Bank
Corporate Headquarters
Operations Administration
63 Constitution Drive
Chico, California 95973
Telephone (530) 898-0300

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.

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Director

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