



Special Alert

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

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) has learned that counterfeit cashier's checks drawn on the Citizens Business Bank, 701 N. Haven Avenue, Ontario, California, are in circulation. A copy of one of the counterfeit instruments and a copy of a legitimate instrument are attached for your information.

The bank's legitimate checks have the word "CASHIERSCK" on the lower left side and are printed on a line printer. On the right side, the legitimate checks have the amount in large print and a statement below the amount that reads "VOID OVER" and the amount of the check.

The counterfeit checks have a border across the top that reads "FOR SECURITY PURPOSES, THE FACE OF THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS A COLORED BACKGROUND AND MICROPRINTING IN THE BORDER." A border across the bottom of the counterfeit checks reads: "THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS DOCUMENT INCLUDES AN ARTIFICIAL WATERMARK - HOLD AT ANGLE TO VIEW." The city name, Ontario, has been misspelled on the counterfeit items as "Ontarioo."

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

Ms. Lucy Lepe
Citizens Business Bank
701 N. Haven Avenue
Ontario, California 91761
Telephone (909) 445-0279
Fax (909) 482-0650

Information concerning these instruments also may be forwarded to the FDIC's Special Activities Section, 550 17th Street, NW, Room F-6012, Washington, DC 20429. All FDIC financial institution letters published since January 1, 1995, may be found on FDIC's Web site, www.fdic.gov.

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Director

Attachments: An electronic version is not available.

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