



Special Alert

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July 8, 1999

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 Cosmopolitan Bank and Trust, 801 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois, are in circulation. Two separate series of checks are involved. A copy of one check from each series is attached for your information. Information to date indicates the checks may be circulating in Illinois, Texas and Wisconsin.

One series of counterfeit checks are green in color and bear the bank's legitimate routing number, 0710-0420-0, and a valid account number, 9-000-03-8. The check number sequence beginning with "293" is invalid, and the "authorized signature" is an invalid facsimile signature.

The second series of counterfeit checks are dark pink in color and bear the bank's legitimate routing number and account number. The check number sequence beginning with "896" is invalid, and the "authorized signature" is invalid.

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

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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. For your reference, all FDIC Financial Institution Letters published since January of 1995 may be found on the FDIC's Web site at www.fdic.gov under the "Banking News" category.

James L. Sexton
Director

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