

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 are in circulation bearing a routing number that does not match the name of the bank appearing on the face of the items. These items may be circulating on the West Coast of the United States. Counterfeit checks bearing the name of "Old Kent, Old Kent Bank - Illinois," Sears Tower, Chicago, Illinois, bear the routing number and cashier's check account number of South Chicago Bank, 9200 South Commercial Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. A copy of one such instrument is attached for your information.

Information about these checks should be brought to the attention of:

Mr. Herman L. Davis Vice President and Cashier South Chicago Bank 9200 South Commercial Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60617-4580 Telephone (773) 768-1400 Fax (773) 734-1534

In addition, the FDIC has learned that counterfeit cashier's checks drawn on the Firstate Bank of Colorado, 11210 Huron Street, Northglenn, Colorado, are in circulation. The checks also bear the name of Honda and Acura Services, Inc., 582 South Broadway, Denver, Colorado, in the upper left corner. The bank reports that it has no account in that name. A copy of one such item is attached for your information.

Information about these checks should be brought to the attention of:

Ms. Brigitte Howorko Cashier Firstate Bank of Colorado 11210 Huron Street Northglenn, Colorado 80234 Telephone (303) 451-1010 Fax (303) 450-5056

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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