



Special Alert

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

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) has learned that fraudulent activity at a printing company has resulted in the duplication of a substantial number of cashier's checks drawn on Southern California Bank, Newport Beach, California. These are duplicates of checks with serial numbers matching those of legitimate checks printed for the bank. The serial numbers of the fraudulently obtained items are in the following ranges:

170500 through 170899
172500 through 173299
174700 through 175499
177101 through 177499
177500 through 200000

The bank has destroyed all duplicate numbered checks in its stock and has issued stop-payment orders on the duplicate checks in circulation. Items presented to date have come from Arizona and have been hand-written instead of protectographed or typed. If any of these items are presented at your bank, please contact the Southern California Bank to verify their validity.

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

Ms. Kim Whaley
Branch Manager/Branch Administration
Southern California Bank
4180 La Jolla Village Drive, Suite 125
La Jolla, California 92037
Telephone: (619) 597-8868
Fax: (619) 597-8869

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 "News, Events & FOIA."

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Director

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