



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: *Counterfeit Cashier's Checks*

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) has learned that counterfeit cashier's checks drawn on the Putnam State Bank, Palatka, Florida, are in circulation. A copy of one such instrument is attached for your information. It appears that the first item presented was negotiated in the West Coast area of the United States.

The bank's legitimate checks have the "Putnam State Bank" logo in the top center. They also have a green-blue weave color background with blue printing. The check numbers are printed in red. A copy of the bank's legitimate cashier's check is attached.

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

Ms. Bonnie McNett
Assistant Vice President - Operations
Putnam Bank
P. O. Drawer 1299
Palatka, Florida 32178-1299
Telephone (904) 328-5600
Fax (904) 328-2856

The FDIC also has learned that counterfeit cashier's checks drawn on the Pullman Bank and Trust, 1000 East 111th Street, Chicago, Illinois, are in circulation. The counterfeit checks are blue with a dark blue border. They bear a valid routing number (0710-0104-1) and a valid account number (33021072). The "authorized signature" on the counterfeit items is an invalid facsimile signature. Copies of two such items are attached for your information. Items presented to date have been negotiated in Illinois and Texas.

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

Ms. Susan M. Linkus
Vice President
Pullman Bank and Trust
1000 East 111th Street
Chicago, Illinois 60628
Telephone (773) 602-8409
Fax (773) 468-1444

Information about 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."

James L. Sexton
Director

Attachments: (Electronic versions are not available)

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