



**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 Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) has advised us that counterfeit cashier's checks drawn on the Marquette National Bank, Chicago, Illinois, are in circulation. To date, items have appeared in the New York, New York, and Los Angeles, California, areas. Copies of two such instruments are attached.

The counterfeit instruments have the following statement printed on them. "THIS DOCUMENT HAS A COLORED BACKGROUND & MICROPRINTING. THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS DOCUMENT HAS AN ARTIFICIAL WATERMARK." The bank's legitimate instruments contain no such statement. If you have any information concerning these items, you may contact:

Mr. Bernard Considine  
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Marquette National Bank  
Telephone: 773-918-4565  
Fax: 773-476-8849

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](http://www.fdic.gov) under "News, Events & FOIA."

James L. Sexton  
Director

Attachment: Copies of Counterfeit Cashier's Checks  
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