



**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 Exchange Bank, Santa Rosa, California, are in circulation. Circulation of the items seems to be widespread. It also appears the counterfeit items presented to date are being used in connection with a foreign lottery telemarketing scam described in [FIL-78-2000](#) (dated November 16, 2000).

Attached for your information are a copy of one of the bank's legitimate cashier's checks and two copies of the counterfeit instruments. The bank's legitimate cashier's checks are maroon in color; the counterfeits are blue. The legitimate checks are 7 inches by 3 1/2 inches; the counterfeits are 8 1/2 inches by 3 1/2 inches.

To obtain information about the validity of Exchange Bank cashier's checks, call the bank's customer service number (800) 995-4066 or (707) 524-3000. If you believe your bank has been a victim of this fraudulent activity, or if you have any information about this matter, contact:

Mr. Michael Leonard  
Security Officer  
Exchange Bank  
545 Fourth Street  
Santa Rosa, California 95401-6368  
Telephone: (707) 524-3257  
Fax: (707) 526-6866

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."

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Attachment: [Legitimate Cashier's Check](#), [Counterfeit Cashier's Check](#), [Counterfeit Cashier's Check](#)

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