

SPECIAL ALERT

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TO: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

SUBJECT: Fictitious Cashier's Checks

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) has learned that fictitious cashier's checks drawn on "Ferndale Trust & Loan" are in circulation. The address shown on the checks is 22750 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale, MI 48226. The Michigan Division of Financial Institutions has advised that Ferndale Trust & Loan does not exist. A photocopy of one of the checks is attached for your information. At least one of the checks has been presented in Florida, and inquiries about these checks have been received from other areas of the United States.

Information concerning these checks or similar items may be forwarded to the FDIC's Special Activities Section, 550 17th Street, N.W., Room F-6012, Washington, DC 20429.

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