



SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY REPORTS

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TO: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

SUBJECT: *FinCEN Publications*

Attached is a copy of the June 2001 issue of *SAR Bulletin*, published by the Department of the Treasury's Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN). The publication is part of a series of overviews of trends and patterns in money laundering derived from the Suspicious Activity Report (SAR) database that can help financial institutions prevent and detect financial crime. The *SAR Bulletin* also may be found on FinCEN's Web site at www.fincen.gov/.

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