



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 eight separate financial institutions are in circulation. It appears these checks may be circulating nationwide. Information about the counterfeit items follows.

- Counterfeit cashier's checks drawn on **Corus Bank, Chicago, Illinois**. The bank's legitimate routing number, 071002503, is used on the counterfeits. Attached for your information is a copy of one of the counterfeit items. Any information you have about this matter should be brought to the attention of:

Mr. Frank Lamar  
Operations Special Services Supervisor  
Corus Bank  
P. O. Box 87144  
Chicago, Illinois 60680-0144  
Telephone: (773) 832-7930

- Counterfeit cashier's checks drawn on **First Citrus Bank, Tampa, Florida**. The routing number used on the items, 063114810, is the routing number for another Florida bank. Attached for your information is a copy of one of the counterfeit items. Any information you have about this matter should be brought to the attention of:

Mr. John Linton  
First Citrus Bank  
13850 Sheldon Road  
Tampa, Florida 33626  
Telephone: (813) 926-5588  
Fax: (813) 920-3814

- Counterfeit cashier's checks drawn on **Liberty National Bank, Longwood, Florida**. The routing numbers used on the items, 122000496 and 063114810, are the routing numbers for a California bank and another Florida bank, respectively. Attached for your information is a copy of one of the bank's legitimate cashier's checks and copies of four of the counterfeit items. Any information you have about this matter should be brought to the attention of:

Ms. Joyce Franklin  
Liberty National Bank  
502 N. Highway 17-92  
Longwood, Florida 32750  
Telephone: (407) 831-1776  
Fax: (407) 831-1443

- Counterfeit cashier's checks drawn on **Abington Savings Bank, Abington, Massachusetts**. The bank's legitimate routing number, 211371308, is used on the counterfeits. Attached for your information is a copy of the bank's legitimate cashier's check and copies of two of the counterfeit items. Any information you have about this matter should be brought to the attention of:

Ms. Ida C. Frazier  
Vice President  
Abington Savings Bank  
533 Washington Street  
Abington, Massachusetts 02351  
Telephone: (781) 792-1122  
Fax: (781) 982-3225

- Counterfeit cashier's checks drawn on **SunTrust Bank, East Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee**. The bank's legitimate routing number, 064202750, is used on the counterfeits. Attached for your information is a copy of one of the counterfeit items. Any information you have concerning this matter should be brought to the attention of:

Ms. Stephanie J. Hardiman  
Security Manager  
SunTrust Bank, East Tennessee  
700 East Hill Street  
Knoxville, Tennessee 37915  
Telephone: (865) 544-2589  
Fax: (865) 544-2513

- Counterfeit cashier's checks drawn on **National City Bank of Michigan/Illinois, Bannockburn, Illinois**, and counterfeit cashier's checks drawn on "**National City Bank**" with no further identifying information on the item. These items indicate they are payable through Integrated Payment Systems, Inc., Englewood, Colorado. One indicates the paying bank as Norwest Bank, Colorado N.A., Denver, Colorado, and the other indicates the paying bank is Citibank (New York State), Buffalo, N.Y. Financial institutions can confirm the validity of checks marked "Issued by Integrated Payment Systems, Inc., Englewood, Colorado" by calling 1-800-223-7520 and following the guided menu. Attached for your information are copies of the counterfeit items.
- Counterfeit cashier's checks drawn on **Community Bank, Covina, California**. The bank's legitimate routing number, 122203471, is used on the counterfeits. Attached for your information is a copy of the bank's legitimate cashier's check and a copy of one of the counterfeit items. The legitimate checks are light gray with burgundy print. The bank's name is printed in dark gray. The counterfeits are light brown with a dark brown border on the top of the checks that contains the following statement: "THIS INSTRUMENT HAS A

COLORED BACKGROUND, VOID PANTOGRAPH AND MICROPRINTING. THE REVERSE SIDE INCLUDES AN ARTIFICIAL WATERMARK." Any information you have about this matter should be brought to the attention of:

Ms. Deborah Grant  
Vice President and Operations Support Officer  
Community Bank  
1041 West Badillo Street, Suite 200  
Covina, California 91722  
Telephone: (626) 974-1214  
Fax: (626) 974-1212

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. Information also may be transmitted electronically to [alert@fdic.gov](mailto:alert@fdic.gov).

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Attachments (not available electronically)

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