



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 Guaranty Bank of California, Los Angeles, California, are in circulation. The routing number is 122235902. It appears the checks may be circulating nationwide.

Attached for your information is 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 blue and do not show the remitter name below the signature line. They also show the branch name and number on the top right side. The counterfeit cashier's checks are brown with the remitter's name printed under the signature line. They do not show the branch name and number.

Any information you have about this matter should be brought to the attention of:

Mr. Bernard Lee
Vice President and Cashier
Guaranty Bank of California
12301 Wilshire Boulevard
Los Angeles, California 90025-0618
Telephone: (310) 826-4228
Fax: (310) 826-6135

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.

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Attachments (not available electronically)

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