

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 four separate financial institutions are in circulation. The items appear to be circulating nationwide. Information about the counterfeit items follows.

 Counterfeit official checks drawn on McIntosh State Bank, Jackson, Georgia. The routing number used on the checks is 096016765.

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. Jesse Roberts McIntosh State Bank 210 South Oak Street Jackson, GA 30233

Telephone: (770) 775-8316 Fax: (770) 775-5229

• Counterfeit cashier's checks drawn on State Bank of Long Island, Jericho, New York. The routing number used on the checks is 131000359. The telephone number on the checks, 516-707-1172, is registered to a wireless phone service.

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. Joseph Crispino Security Investigator State Bank of Long Island 501 North Broadway Jericho, New York 11753 Telephone: (516) 822-4105

Fax: (516) 822-3446

 Counterfeit official checks drawn on Signature Bank, New York, New York. The routing number used on the checks is 102000979. Attached for your information is a copy of one of the counterfeit items. Since these items bear the routing number of Oak Brook Bank, Oak Brook, Illinois, any information you have about this matter should be brought to the attention of:

Mr. Patrick Manzi Senior Operations Manager Signature Bank 1177 Avenue of the Americas, 12th Floor New York, New York 10036 Telephone: (646) 822-1717 Fax: (212) 782-2354

 Counterfeit cashier's checks drawn on Lea County State Bank, Hobbs, New Mexico. The routing number used is 112201836.

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:

Ms. D'Dee Ottino-Winters Vice President/Security Officer Lea County State Bank P. O. Box 400 Hobbs, New Mexico 88240-0400 Telephone: (505) 397-6645

Fax: (505) 397-6618

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, or transmitted electronically to alert@fdic.gov.

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Michael J. Zamorski Director

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