



SPECIAL ALERT

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TO: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (also of interest to Security Officer)
SUBJECT: Counterfeit Cashier's Checks
Summary: *Counterfeit checks drawn on Community Bank of the Midwest, Great Bend, Kansas, are in circulation.*

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) has learned that counterfeit cashier's checks drawn on **Community Bank of the Midwest, Great Bend, Kansas**, are currently in circulation. The counterfeit items bear the routing number 101107860. The counterfeit instruments appear to be quality copies of a cashier's check recently purchased from the bank. Other elements that indicate a potentially counterfeit instrument include the absence of specific signatures (especially on larger dollar checks), and the lack of a typewritten dollar amount. Attached for your information is a copy of one of the counterfeit instruments.

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

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Information about these instruments may be forwarded to the FDIC's Special Activities Section, 550 17th Street, N.W., Room F-4040, Washington, D.C. 20429, or transmitted electronically to sa@fdic.gov.

For your reference, FDIC Financial Institution Letters may be accessed from the FDIC's Web site at www.fdic.gov/news/news/financial/2002/index.html. To learn how to automatically receive FDIC Financial Institution Letters through e-mail, please visit www.fdic.gov/news/news/announcements/index.html.

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