



SPECIAL ALERT

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TO: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
SUBJECT: *Counterfeit Official Bank Checks*

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) has learned that counterfeit cashier's checks drawn on three separate financial institutions are in circulation. The items appear to be circulating nationwide. Information about the counterfeit items follows.

- Counterfeit cashier's checks drawn on **Long Island Commercial Bank, Islandia, New York**. The routing number on the counterfeit items, 021000021, is the routing number for JP Morgan Chase Bank, Tampa, Florida.

Attached for your information is a copy of one of the bank's legitimate cashier's checks, and a copy of one of the counterfeit items. Any information you have about this matter should be brought to the attention of:

Mr. Thomas Buonaiuto
Executive Vice President
Long Island Commercial Bank
One Suffolk Square
Islandia, New York 11749
Telephone: (631) 348-0888
Fax: (631) 348-0830

- Counterfeit cashier's checks drawn on Park Cities Bank, Dallas, Texas. The routing number is 111024386.

Attached for your information is a copy of one of the bank's legitimate cashier's checks and a copy of one of the counterfeit items. Any information you have about this matter should be brought to the attention of:

Mr. Gary Flemmons
Chief Financial Officer
Park Cities Bank
5307 E. Mockingbird Lane, Ste. 200
Dallas, Texas 75206
Telephone: (214) 584-2406
Fax: (214) 370-4519

- Counterfeit loan disbursement checks drawn on **Synovus Mortgage Corporation, Birmingham, Alabama**. The checks are payable through First Commercial Bank of Birmingham, Birmingham, Alabama, with the routing number 062003605.

Attached for your information is a copy of a legitimate check and two copies of the counterfeit items. Any information you have about this matter should be brought to the attention of:

Ms. Jennifer A. Reid
Vice President/Audit Manager
Synovus Financial - Audit Services
c/o First Commercial Bank of Birmingham
P. O. Box 11746
Birmingham, Alabama 35202-1746
Telephone: (205) 868-4844
Fax: (205) 868-4923

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. For your reference, all FDIC Financial Institution Letters published since January of 1995 may be found on the FDIC's Web site at www.fdic.gov under "News, Events & FOIA." To learn how to automatically receive FDIC Financial Institution Letters through e-mail, please visit <http://www.fdic.gov/news/news/announcements/index.html>.

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Attachments: (not available electronically)

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