



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

- Counterfeit certified cashier's checks drawn on **The Eastman National Bank, Newkirk, Oklahoma**. The routing number is 103102410, the account number is 699252, and all of the items presented to date bear the check number 42226. The routing number and account number on the checks are not MICR encoded. Attached for your information are copies of the counterfeit items. It appears that most, if not all, of these items were deposited by bank customers who accepted the checks as payment for motor vehicles. Any information you have about this matter should be brought to the attention of:

Mr. Joe Anderson
Vice President and Cashier
The Eastman National Bank
P. O. Box 468
Newkirk, Oklahoma 74647
Telephone: (580) 362-2511
Fax: (580) 362-2115

- Counterfeit certified cashier's checks drawn on **Blackhawk State Bank, Beloit, Wisconsin**. The routing number, 103102410, the account number, 699252, and the check number, 42226, are the same as those used for the above-mentioned counterfeit certified cashier's checks drawn on The Eastman National Bank, Newkirk, Oklahoma. The routing number and account number on these checks also are **not** MICR encoded. Attached for your information is a copy of one of the counterfeit items. It appears that this check also was deposited by a customer who accepted this check as payment for a motor vehicle. Any information you have about this matter should be brought to the attention of:

Ms. Susan Finkboner
Vice President and Compliance Officer
Blackhawk State Bank
400 Broad Street
Beloit, Wisconsin 53511
Telephone: (800) 209-2616 Ext. 4339
Fax: (815) 562-5273

- Counterfeit cashier's checks drawn on **First Federal Savings Bank of Florida, Live Oak, Florida**. The routing number is 263184488.
Attached for your information is a copy of one of the counterfeit items and a copy of one of the bank's legitimate cashier's checks. Any information you have about this matter should be brought to the attention of:

Ms. Kathy Baird
Assistant Vice President
First Federal Savings Bank of Florida
804 South Ohio Avenue
P. O. Drawer Q
Live Oak, Florida 32060
Telephone: (386) 362-3433 Ext. 3174
Fax: (386) 364-5662

- Counterfeit cashier's checks drawn on **Baltimore Trust Company, Selbyville, Delaware**. The routing number is 031100490.
Attached for your information are a copy of a legitimate check and a copy of one of the counterfeit items. Any information you have about this matter should be brought to the attention of:

Mr. Jorge L. Melendez
Assistant Vice President/Security Officer
Baltimore Trust Company
1 West Church Street
P. O. Box 470
Selbyville, Delaware 19975
Telephone: (302) 436-1316
Fax: (302) 436-1505

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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