



SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY REPORTS

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TO: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
SUBJECT: *FinCEN Publications*

Attached is a copy of the January 2002 issue of SAR Bulletin, published by the Department of the Treasury's Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN). The publication is part of a series of overviews of trends and patterns in money laundering derived from the Suspicious Activity Report (SAR) database that can help financial institutions prevent and detect financial crime. The SAR Bulletin also may be found on FinCEN's Web site at [http://www.fincen.gov/pub\\_main.html](http://www.fincen.gov/pub_main.html).

Also attached is a copy of Issue 21A of the FinCEN Advisory, dated January 2002. It may also be found at [http://www.fincen.gov/pub\\_main.html](http://www.fincen.gov/pub_main.html). The FinCEN Advisory is designed to keep financial institutions, regulatory agencies and law enforcement agencies advised of trends and developments related to money laundering and financial crime. The periodical provides intelligence and analysis for case support to federal, state, local and international law enforcement and regulatory agencies, while furnishing financial communities with the information they need to help prevent and detect financial crime. For more information about FinCEN programs, you may visit the FinCEN Web site at <http://www.fincen.gov>.

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