



SPECIAL ALERT

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TO: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
SUBJECT: *Counterfeit Personal Money Orders*

The New Millennium Bank, New Brunswick, New Jersey, has informed the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) that counterfeit personal money orders payable through Bank One, NA, Columbus, Ohio, and Bank of the Bluegrass & Trust Co., Lexington, Kentucky, are in circulation. The account numbers used on the counterfeit items are not the account numbers used by either bank for money orders. Attached for your information are copies of some of the counterfeit instruments. They were received as payment on credit card accounts in an attempt to fraudulently increase credit lines.

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

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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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