

Federal Bureau of Investigation Statement For Financial Institutions

The Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) has requested the following information be provided to all financial institutions.

"The FBI, US Postal Inspectors and state and local authorities are investigating more than 30 threatening letters that have been received at financial institutions in NY, NJ, Washington, DC, Ohio, Illinois, Colorado, Oklahoma, Georgia, California and Texas. Most of these letters contain a powdery substance with a threatening communication. At this point, field and laboratory tests on the powder have been negative. Should you or any part of your institution (corporate offices, branches, etc.) receive one of these letters, please contact your local FBI office and ask for the WMD Coordinator."

The US Postal Service has issued the following guidance – "USPS Information on How to Handle Suspicious Mail." They have also developed posters for your use. Both are available at www.fbiic.gov under "what's new" for your consideration and use as you see appropriate.

Should you have any questions concerning this e-mail only, contact your Regional Office or State Supervisory Authority. It is very important that all inquiries related to or concerning the receipt of a suspicious letter or package be addressed to your local FBI office.

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