

ALERT 2000-4
Type: Suspicious Transactions
Subject: Counterfeit Cashier's Checks
Date: March 15, 2000

TO: Chief Executive Officers of All National Banks; All State Banking Authorities; Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; Conference of State Bank Supervisors; Deputy Comptrollers (Districts); Assistant Deputy Comptrollers; District Counsel and Examining Personnel.

RE: Counterfeit Cashier's Checks

Information has recently been received that counterfeit cashier's checks drawn on the Marquette National Bank, Chicago, Illinois, are in circulation. To date, items have appeared in the New York, New York, and Los Angeles, California, areas. A copy of the counterfeit instruments is attached. Please note: the signatures on these items are not those authorized by the bank; the bank's legitimate cashier's checks are not green in color; and do not have the following statement printed on them, "THIS DOCUMENT HAS A COLORED BACKGROUND & MICROPRINTING. THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS DOCUMENT HAS AN ARTIFICIAL WATERMARK."

The bank has requested that Bernard Considine, Security Officer, telephone (773) 918-4565 or fax (773) 476-8849, be contacted about this matter. Any information that you may have concerning this matter should also be brought to the attention of:

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