

ALERT 97-15

Type: Suspicious Transactions Subject: Counterfeit Cashier's
Checks

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); District Administrators; District
Counsel and Examining Personnel.

Information is being received that a substantial number of
counterfeit cashier's checks on Seattle-First National Bank,
Seattle, Washington are in circulation. The counterfeit
instruments do not have a MICR field nor is the Drawer indicated
accurately.

Any information which you may have concerning this matter should
be brought to the
attention of:

SeaFirst Bank
Loss Prevention
800 5th Avenue, Floor 10
Seattle, WA 98124
Fax (206) 356-0194

Office of the Comptroller of the Currency
Enforcement & Compliance Division
250 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20219
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