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Comptroller of the Currency  
Administrator of National Banks

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**Subject:** Counterfeit Financial Instruments      **Description:** Counterfeit Money Orders,  
Crown Bank, N.A.

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**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:** Crown Bank, N.A., Ocean City, NJ, Counterfeit Money Orders and Pre-Arranged COD deliveries

The Office of the Comptroller of the Currency has been advised that counterfeit money orders of Crown Bank, N.A., are being issued nationwide and are also being used in connection with a pre-payment fraud scheme. The pre-payment fraud is the type in which the counterfeit money order is being issued as a pre-arranged COD payment on delivered merchandise. The merchandise is typically ordered via the Internet from companies located nationwide.

The counterfeit money orders are of medium quality, display Crown Bank's "crown" logo, and list an address of 212-216 S. Franke Rodgers Blvd., Harrison NJ 07029. The bank's routing number is correctly listed but the serial number series, 70009900, is higher than that of the bank's legitimate money orders.

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

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