



Special Alert

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TO: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
SUBJECT: *Missing Money Orders*

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) has learned that a substantial number of personal money orders drawn on Southern California Bank, Newport Beach, California, are missing from the bank's Tustin La Palma facility in Anaheim, California.

A sample of one of the missing instruments is attached. The serial numbers of the missing instruments range from 22351 to 22600. To date, none of the items have been presented for payment, but the bank has requested that any bank receiving one of the instruments immediately contact Southern California Bank. The money orders are pink with blue type. A white Southern California Bank logo is located in the center of the check.

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

Ms. Kim Whaley
Branch Manager/Branch Administration
Southern California Bank
4180 La Jolla Village Drive, Suite 125
La Jolla, California 92037
Telephone (619) 597-8868
Fax (619) 597-8869

Information concerning these instruments also may be forwarded to the FDIC's Special Activities Section, 550 17th Street, NW, Room F-6012, Washington, DC 20429. 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."

James L. Sexton
Director

Attachment: (Electronic version is unavailable)

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