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Special Alert

TO: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (also of interest to Security Officer)
SUBJECT: Counterfeit Official Checks
Summary: *Counterfeit official checks bearing the name CommunityONE are reportedly in circulation.*

CommunityONE Bank, National Association, Asheboro, North Carolina, has contacted the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) to report that counterfeit official checks bearing the institution's name are in circulation.

The counterfeit items display the routing number **053102191**, which is assigned CommunityONE Bank. The following security feature statement is embedded in the top border: "FOR SECURITY PURPOSES, THE FACE OF THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS A COLORED BACKGROUND AND MICROPRINTING IN THE BORDER." A security feature statement is also displayed along the bottom border between two padlock icons.

Authentic checks have the following security feature statement embedded in the top border: "CHECK IS PRINTED ON PAPER THAT HAS FLUORESCENT PAPER FIBERS, A WATERMARKED BACKER AND IS REACTIVE TO CHEMICAL ALTERATION."

Copies of a counterfeit item and an authentic check (VOID) are attached for your review. Be aware that the appearance of counterfeit items can be modified and that additional variations may be presented.

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

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Information about counterfeit items, cyber-fraud incidents and other fraudulent activity may be forwarded to the FDIC's Cyber-Fraud and Financial Crimes Section, 550 17th Street, N.W., Room F-3054, Washington, D.C. 20429, or transmitted electronically to alert@fdic.gov. Questions related to federal deposit insurance or consumer issues should be submitted to the FDIC using an online form that can be accessed at <http://www2.fdic.gov/starsmail/index.asp>.