

## Special Alert

TO: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (also of interest to Security Officer)  
SUBJECT: Counterfeit Checks  
Summary: *Counterfeit checks bearing the name Bank of Morton, Morton, Mississippi, are reportedly in circulation.*

**Bank of Morton, Morton, Mississippi**, has contacted the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) to report that counterfeit checks bearing the institution's name are in circulation.

The counterfeit items display the routing number **061103056**, which is assigned to Wachovia Bank, N.A., Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Bank of Morton issues bank checks through Moneygram Payment Systems, Inc., Minneapolis, Minnesota, using a payable-through account at Wachovia Bank, N.A. The items are dissimilar to authentic checks and when copied have a "VOID" background. A security feature statement is embedded in a darkened top border and along the bottom border between two padlock icons. A telephone number, which is not associated with the bank, is shown below the bank's name, location and the phrase "MEMBER FDIC" in the top-left corner.

Authentic checks are tan and have ornate borders. A security feature statement is displayed just below the top border. An artificial watermark appears on the reverse side.

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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Bank of Morton  
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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](mailto: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>.

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Attachment (not available electronically)

*NOTE: As a security precaution, the FDIC does not post to its Web site electronic images of fraudulent items or authentic checks that have been counterfeited. This is to avoid attempts by others to use these instruments to facilitate additional fraud. Financial institutions can view images of the fraudulent items and authentic checks (marked as VOID) using the FDIC's free, secure Web site, FDICconnect. (See more information about FDICconnect at <http://www.fdic.gov/news/news/financial/2006/fil06032.html>.) Printed copies of each Special Alert and its attachment(s) may also be obtained from the FDIC's Public Information Center (telephone: 1-877-275-3342 or 703-562-2200; fax: 703-562-2296; or e-mail: [publicinfo@fdic.gov](mailto:publicinfo@fdic.gov)).*

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