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### **Notice of Fraudulent Items Drawn on Federal Reserve Banks**

Over the past week, we have become aware of a number of fraudulent items being deposited throughout the country drawn on the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia. Many of these items have been deposited at financial institutions in Wisconsin and Illinois.

These items have the following characteristics:

- All are drawn on the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia routing number "031000040"
- The bank name on many of the items is missing the first four letters of "Federal" and the last four letters of "Philadelphia" and is shown as "ral Bank of Philadel"
- The leading character of the four digit check serial number is "7"
- An account number of "78240237" has consistently been used in each fraudulent incident
- The dollar amount of the items has ranged between several thousand and several hundred thousand dollars
- The items are formatted to appear as a check issued from a checking account maintained by the check maker at the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia. The Federal Reserve Banks do not offer checking accounts to the public or businesses
- The checks currently list the account holder as and are signed by Everardo Rodriguez with a residential address in Berwyn, Illinois
- The check maker is making the checks payable to themselves, to individuals, to corporations, to financial institutions or to local government entities

Please notify all within your organization to be vigilant in accepting any items drawn on a Reserve Bank for collection. If you have any questions about the authenticity of an item, please contact the Reserve Bank upon which the item was drawn or your local Reserve Bank.