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Subject: Counterfeit Money Orders

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Astoria Federal Savings, Lake Success, NY, has contacted the FDIS to report that counterfeit money orders bearing the institution's name are in circulation.

**The counterfeit items** display the routing number 221472815, which is assigned to Astoria Federal. The items are similar to authentic money orders; however, the counterfeit items display a security feature statement embedded in the top border and along the bottom border between two padlocks. An "AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE" line is displayed in the lower-right corner.

**Authentic money orders** have ornate borders on three sides. The word "MONEY ORDER" appears inside a rectangle embedded in the top border. The following security statement appears below the top border on each side of the rectangle: "HOLD THIS DOCUMENT UP TO THE LIGHT TO VIEW TRUE WATERMARK." The words "SENDER" and "ADDRESS" appear along the bottom.

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:

FDIC Cyber-Fraud and Financial Crimes Section  
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Room F-4004  
Washington, DC 20429

Or, they can be 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>.