

# INFORMATION BULLETIN

## from the FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

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Please direct to department or individual responsible for this activity.

### **SUBJECT: Check Alert–Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco Checks**

September 27, 2005

Fraudulent Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco checks are circulating. The Federal Reserve Bank does not issue checking accounts.

Detailed below are characteristics of the fraudulent items:

- All fraudulent items lack signature of the maker
- All items are pre-authorized and state “no signature required”
- The words "Federal Reserve Bank" are inscribed on top center of check of the fraudulent items
- Background color of items vary
- Fraudulent account holder's name and address is inscribed in top left corner of items
- Dollar amounts typically vary between \$49.95, \$59.95 and \$149.00

Authorized Federal Reserve Bank checks share the following characteristics:

- Light blue background with the words "Federal Reserve Bank" shaded in the background throughout the item
- The words "Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco" with the address is inscribed on top left hand corner
- Checks are signed by Janet L. Yellen
- Payee name and address is printed in lower left hand corner

If you have questions or have seen a possible fraudulent Federal Reserve Bank check please contact:

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