

Fraud Alert – August 26, 2008



Secret Shopper Scam

Another scam that is circulating again is the Secret Shopper's Scam. Consumers are sent a letter along with a check for just under \$3,000.00. The letter indicates the consumer is being paid for a training assignment as a secret shopper and instructs the consumer what to do with the money. Again, this is another scam. This scam has already affected several credit unions in Niagara County.

The FDIC has issued ten Special Alerts regarding counterfeit checks bearing the name of the following institutions:

- First Federal Bank of Florida, Lake City, Florida (Counterfeit Cashier's Checks);
- Washington Trust Bank, Spokane, Washington (Counterfeit Cashier's Checks);
- The Farmers State Bank, Fairview, Kansas (Counterfeit Official Checks);
- Valley Business Bank, Visalia, California (Counterfeit Cashier's Checks);
- International Bank of Commerce, Laredo, Texas (Counterfeit Expense Checks);
- Christiana Bank & Trust Company, Greenville, Delaware (Counterfeit Cashier's Checks);
- Fremont Bank, Fremont, California (Counterfeit Cashier's Checks);
- Farmers and Miners Bank, Pennington Gap, Virginia (Counterfeit Cashier's Checks);
- Allegiance Community Bank, South Orange, New Jersey (Counterfeit Cashier's Checks); and Fidelity Bank & Trust, Dubuque, Iowa (Counterfeit Cashier's Checks).

For further information go to:

<http://www.fdic.gov/news/news/SpecialAlert/2008/index.html>.