



# OCC ALERT

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Comptroller of the Currency  
Administrator of National Banks

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Subject: Counterfeit Cashier's Checks      Description: Peoples Bank National Association

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**TO:** Chief Executive Officers of All National Banks; All State Banking Authorities; Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; Conference of State Bank Supervisors; Deputy Comptrollers (districts); Assistant Deputy Comptrollers; District Counsel, and All Examining Personnel

**RE:** Counterfeit Cashier's Checks of Peoples Bank National Association, Marietta, OH

The above-named bank has reported that counterfeit cashier's checks issued in the bank's name are being presented for payment. To date, the checks have listed the remitter to be Frank Russell, and the signature on the checks appears to be that of James White. The counterfeit checks can be identified by certain missing items and other distinctive characteristics. The counterfeit checks do not contain the bank's telephone number; the bank's name and logo are blurry and appear to be copied or scanned; and the back of the checks contain a box listing security feature information. The counterfeit checks are light gray/blue in color, and the check number in the upper right corner is printed in large bold print.

Authentic cashier's checks issued by the bank are light blue in color with the words "Peoples Bank" and "Cashier's Check" printed in a darker blue color. Small triangles are printed to the left end of the lines for "date," "pay to the order of," and "guarantee." The checks do not contain any security feature information on the back of the check. The bank's phone number, 1-800-374-6123, is included by the name and logo. The check number in the upper right corner is normal in size and is not printed in bold.

You can verify the authenticity of Peoples Bank National Association cashier's checks by contacting Teresa Pyles, security officer, at (740) 376-7136 or [tpyles@pebo.com]. Any additional information concerning this matter that you believe should be brought to the attention of the OCC, may be forwarded to:

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