

# PENN ATTORNEYS

## TITLE ALERT

**DATE:** 2/27/07

**RE:** Title Alert 2007-08                      **FDIC Special Alert Peoples National Bank  
Hallstead, PA**

Please be advised that the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation has issued Special Alert SA-52-2007, warning of the circulation of counterfeit checks bearing the name of a Pennsylvania lender, Peoples National Bank. The Special Alert is excerpted in part below:

**SUBJECT:** Counterfeit Money Orders  
**Summary:** Counterfeit money orders bearing the name Peoples National Bank, Hallstead, Pennsylvania, are reportedly in circulation.

**Peoples National Bank, Hallstead, Pennsylvania**, has contacted the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) to report that counterfeit money orders bearing the institution's name are in circulation.

The counterfeit items display the routing number **031311807**, which is assigned to Peoples National Bank, but are markedly dissimilar to authentic money orders. The following statement is embedded within the top border of the counterfeit items: "THIS DOCUMENT HAS A COLORED BACKGROUND AND MICROPRINTING. THE REVERSE SIDE INCLUDES AN ARTIFICIAL WATERMARK." The words "Money Order" and "Branch" appear near the top-left corner. The bank's name and a mailing address are printed in the lower-left corner.

Authentic money orders contain the following statement embedded within the top border: "FOR SECURITY PURPOSES THE FACE OF THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS A TWO-TONED COLORED BACKGROUND AND MICROPRINTING IN THE BORDER-THE REVERSE SIDE FEATURES ARTIFICIAL WATERMARKS." The bank's logo and mailing address are printed in the top-left corner. The words "Money Order," "Date," and "Branch" are listed vertically in the top-right portion. Above the lower-right corner are two lines, with "SIGNATURE OF REMITTER" appearing below the top line and "ADDRESS" appearing to the left of the bottom line.

Copies of a counterfeit item and an authentic check (VOID) are attached for your review. Be aware that the appearance of counterfeit items can be modified and that additional variations may be presented.

Any information you have concerning this matter should be brought to the attention of: Dawn Price, Bank Secrecy Act Officer, Peoples National Bank, P.O. Box A, 50 Main Street, Hallstead, Pennsylvania 18822, Tel: (570) 879-2175, Fax: (570) 879-5113 E-mail: [dawnp@peoplesnatbank.com](mailto:dawnp@peoplesnatbank.com)

FDIC Special Alerts may be accessed from the FDIC's website at [www.fdic.gov/news/news/SpecialAlert/2007/index.html](http://www.fdic.gov/news/news/SpecialAlert/2007/index.html).

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