Subject: Counterfeit Warrants
Description: State of Florida, Department of Financial Services, Counterfeit Warrants

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 Examining Personnel

RE: Circulation of Counterfeit Warrants Drawn on the State of Florida, Department of Financial Services

The State of Florida has reported a significant increase in the circulation of counterfeit warrants (checks). The warrants have “State of Florida, Department of Financial Services” imprinted across the top of the instrument. To date, the warrants have been numbered either “H4000112182” or “H3000128511.” Another characteristic of the counterfeit warrants is that the font type and font size of the imprinted material is inconsistent in different sections of the warrant.

If you encounter a suspicious warrant or are uncertain whether a warrant is valid, it is recommended that you contact the Florida State Division of Treasury, Warrant Section at (850) 413-3163. Questions and information may also be directed to the attention of:

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