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SUBJECT: SR 03-14 Fraudulent Federal Reserve Note Schemes

HIGHLIGHTS: Since the issuance of the Federal Reserve's last pronouncement about fraudulent investment schemes ([SR letter 02-13](#), May, 2002), Board staff has become aware of the growing use of altered Federal Reserve Notes as part of illicit investment schemes. The notes are in face amounts of \$1 billion, \$100 million, or \$50 million, or some other astronomically large amount and have "coupons" attached to them.

Federal law enforcement authorities have asked the Federal Reserve to advise individuals, banking organizations, and other entities who have been contacted regarding the phony Federal Reserve Notes to contact the local offices of the agencies. This includes the field offices of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Secret Service, U.S. Bureau of Immigration and Enforcement, or Internal Revenue Service's Criminal Investigation Division.

DOCUMENT LOCATION: <http://www.federalreserve.gov/boarddocs/SRLETTERS/2003/sr0314.htm>

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