

# UNDERWRITING ALERT

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**Date: December 13, 2005**

**To: All New York State Office Counsel, Managers and Agents**

**From: James G. Hyland, Vice President & Chief Underwriting Counsel**

**Re: 1) Premises Alert  
2) Counterfeit Check Warning**

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1) Please consult with Legal Department personnel prior to insuring any transactions, or recording any conveyance, involving the following premises:

**146-61 Shore Avenue, Jamaica NY**

2) The following is copied from a Special Alert of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation dated December 7, 2005. Please advise all closers.

**The Provident Bank, Jersey City, New Jersey**, has contacted the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) to report that counterfeit checks bearing the institution's name are in circulation.

The counterfeit items display the routing number **096016765**, which is assigned to The Provident Bank, and are very similar to authentic official checks in style, font and format. However, the counterfeit items are printed on green check stock, while authentic checks are printed on blue check stock. Displayed on the back of the counterfeit items, but not displayed on authentic official checks, are the following: "To View Watermarks Hold At Angle or Under Black Light," "Knight Fingerprint" and "Fingerprint."