



**FINANCIAL SERVICES COMMISSION**  
Office of Financial Regulation

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**FLORIDA OFFICE OF FINANCIAL REGULATION ALERT:**

**Fraudulent “*Deposit Accleration*” Letter Claims to be from the Office of Financial Regulation**

TALLAHASSEE, FL – The Florida Office of Financial Regulation has received a copy of a fraudulent letter addressed to a national bank based in Syracuse, New York, which claims to provide authorization by the Florida Office of Financial Regulation for a financial transaction at that bank.

The fraudulent letter bears a crude copy of a banner obtained from the Florida Office of Financial Regulation’s web page. The fraudulent letter includes the names of three prominent regulatory agencies in a blatant attempt to imply legitimacy. The fraudulent letter contains the forged signatures of the Commissioner of the Office of Financial Regulation and the Director of the Division of Financial Institutions. The fraudulent letter instructs the bank to deposit an “instrument” into a specific account and to notify the beneficiary account holder that payment has been made.

The Florida Office of Financial Regulation is dedicated to safeguarding the private financial interests of the public by licensing, chartering, examining and regulating depository and non-depository financial institutions and financial service companies in the State of Florida.

**The Florida Office of Financial Regulation does not send out instructions or authorizations to any financial institution to conduct specific transactions, including the transferring of funds. If you receive a similar letter appearing to be from the Office of Financial Regulation, you should assume that it is fraudulent.**

To report a fraud, send an e-mail to the Florida Office of Financial Regulation at [ofr@fldfs.com](mailto:ofr@fldfs.com) or call the Office of Financial Regulation at (850) 410-9800.

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