

ALERT 96-31

Type: Unauthorized Banking Subject: First State Bank of Montana

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); District Administrators; District Counsel and Examining Personnel

RE: First State Bank of Montana
PO Box 278
Fairfield, MT 59436

Information has been received that the subject entity may be operating a banking business in the United States without authorization. The Montana Department of Commerce Division of Banking & Financial Institutions has advised that they have not issued a bank charter to this entity.

Any information which you may have concerning this matter should be brought to the attention of:

Office of the Comptroller of the Currency
Enforcement & Compliance Division
250 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20219
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Daniel P. Stipano
Director
Enforcement & Compliance Division
Date: August 27, 1996