

Anti-Money Laundering News for MEMO Agents

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## SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY REPORTING

Structuring occurs when someone acting alone or with another person breaks up a transaction totaling \$3,000 or more by making several purchases of money orders and/or bill payment services to avoid providing identification and completing required documentation.

## EXAMPLES OF SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

A customer is using money from an illegal activity to purchase money orders or bill payment services;

One person purchases money orders and/or bill payments at different times of the same day;

The person is buying the money orders or bill payment services using a false or expired identification:

Customer changes the transaction after learning of ID requirements;

Two or more customers are using similar or the same ID.

## **Required Action**

Intentional failure to file a SAR-MSB can constitute a criminal act.

SARS must be filed within 30 days of becoming suspicious.

Proof of SARS-Filing must be kept for 5 years.

Purchaser cannot be informed that a SAR is being filed.

The Suspicious Activity Report (SAR-MSB) can be access and filed at:

http://bsaefiling.fincen.treas.giv/main.html

More information and examples of Suspicious Activity reporting can be found in the MEMO Agent AML Manual, Chapter 1



## **IMPORTANT:**

Money Order Transaction Reports, Bill Payment Transaction Reports, and Currency Transaction Reports need to be faxed to MEMO (717–214–5966) and kept for 5 years. All other Compliance documentation should be kept with your compliance documents in Section 7 of the MEMO Agent Anti-Money Laundering Manual.

<i>Print, sign, and keep</i> this document as proof that you received continuous training on anti-money laundering laws and regulations. Make additional copies for employees as proof that you trained employees on anti-money laundering laws and regulations. Keep all signed copies for 5 years.		
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