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First Equity Card Corporation  
P.O. Box 84075  
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RE: Check Forgery

To Whom It May Concern:

I am the attorney representing Jane Doe, a victim of identity theft. Ms. Doe's personal information was used to open a fraudulent credit card account with American Express, and several payments to that account were made by checks from First Equity.

These checks were forged by an unauthorized payer and not by Ms. Doe. Because these forged checks from First Equity were used to make payments on the fraudulent American Express account, American Express will not acknowledge the fraud. In order to prove that the fraud occurred, my client requires a notarized letter from your institution stating that the checks were not signed by her.

I am aware that First Equity has supposedly been investigating this case; however, my client is still receiving collection letters from American Express. This is unacceptable.

Enclosed please find a copy of my client's ID Theft Affidavit, police report, and copies of the two checks from First Equity with forged signatures. Further, please compare Ms. Doe's real signatures on the Affidavit with the forged signatures on the checks (marked with red tabs). These signatures clearly do not match.

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If you require anything further, please do not hesitate to contact me at the Upper Marlboro address on this letterhead, by phone at (301) 952-0063, or by email at [lauren@mdcrimevictims.org](mailto:lauren@mdcrimevictims.org).

As previously stated, the enclosed checks were forged and are preventing my client from recovering from identity theft. American Express requires a notarized letter from your institution to confirm that these checks were indeed fraudulently written.

Please send the notarized letter directly to me at the Upper Marlboro address. The letter should be made out to: American Express Cards, Fraud Operations, P.O. Box 981541, El Paso, TX 79998.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Lauren B. Tabackman, Esq.

Enclosures  
cc: Ms. Doe