

### OrboGraph Publishes New Analysis of Suspicious Activity Reports (SARs) Trends

For years, the industry relied on the American Bankers Association's (ABA) Deposit Account Fraud Survey as the central source for fraud trends. However, with the last report being published back in 2020 based on 2018 data, the industry has relied on SARs as a benchmark for fraud trends for the past 5+ years, particularly when it comes to check fraud.

As part of our commitment to the industry, OrboGraph has published a new report analyzing Suspicious Activity Reports (SARs) filed by U.S. depository institutions -- highlighting the important shifts and trends in fraud between 2024 and 2025.

Total SAR filings declined modestly from 595,889 in 2024 to 559,911 in 2025, representing a 6% overall reduction.

While this decrease may suggest some progress in fraud mitigation, the underlying data shows that check fraud continues to dominate suspicious activity reported by financial institutions.

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### Suspicious Activity Reports (SARs) Trends for Depository Institutions 2024 vs. 2025



### Recent \$1.7M Mail-Theft Ring Busted: Superb Investigation or Pure Luck?

A new article posted on FedWeek provides insights into a recent \$1.7M mail-theft bust and how this may not be as big a win as it would appear. Over a 20-month period, a South Florida crew used six stolen USPS arrow keys to repeatedly access collection boxes and cluster mailboxes...

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### 54% of FIs Partnering with Fintechs for AI Deployment and Banking Modernization

For far too long, banking institutions relied upon outdated, legacy technologies and systems. Unfortunately, these have become incompatible with today's fast-paced industry where financial institutions must continually adapt to the needs of their customers and keep up with their competition...

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### Are Fraudsters Targeting Specific Types of Companies?

Analysis of the types of checks being sold on the dark web and encrypted platforms like Telegram reveals that some types of checks were seen as more valuable than others. As we noted a few years ago, personal checks typically sell for around \$175, while business checks go for \$250...

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### OrboGraph Wins 2026 Artificial Intelligence Award in Fraud Detection and Prevention

Recognition honors measurable impact in combating check and deposit fraud through advanced AI

**BURLINGTON, MA – March 25, 2026** – OrboGraph, a premier developer of recognition and fraud detection technologies for the check processing market, received the 2026 Artificial Intelligence Excellence Award in Fraud Detection and Prevention from the Business Intelligence Group. This award recognizes impactful AI advancements across various industries, spotlighting the companies and leaders moving AI beyond experimentation and into practical, accountable deployment. This year's program awarded winners across 36 industries and more than 15 countries.

OrboGraph was honored for its Anywhere Deposit Fraud solution, which employs image forensics, deep learning, and behavioral analytics to help FIs detect check fraud

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### Investment in Hardware/GPU: No Longer a Barrier for AI Check Fraud Detection

With the surge of check fraud over the past decade, we have seen more and more financial institutions transition from traditional rules-based to AI-powered check fraud detection. AI-powered check fraud detection solutions such as OrboGraph's Anywhere On-Us Fraud and Anywhere Deposit Fraud...

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### Safeguarding Federal Reserve Check Services: A Call to Community Banks

The Independent Community Bankers of America is calling on community banks to speak up as the Federal Reserve weighs the future of its check collection and processing services. At stake is whether Reserve Banks will continue to provide critical functions that many smaller institutions rely on as...

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### Why Small Businesses Still Rely on Paper Checks

In spite of a steady rise in digital payments, many U.S. businesses—particularly smaller ones—still lean heavily on paper checks for everyday transactions. A recent post from the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta unpacks why this "old" payment rail remains so resilient.

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### US Government Finally Taking Meaningful Actions to Fight Fraud... Will It Work?

On March 5, 2026, the industry saw banking executives appear in front of the United States House Committee on Financial Services for a hearing, aptly entitled "Fighting Fraud on the Front Lines: Challenges and Opportunities for FI's," to discuss the meteoric rise in cybercrimes and fraud.

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### SEON Report: The Value of AI in Fraud and AML Increasing

In a recent report entitled "AI Reality Check, 2026 Fraud & AML Leaders Report", SEON underscores the pivotal role of artificial intelligence (AI) in revolutionizing fraud prevention and anti-money laundering (AML) operations. With 98% of organizations already integrating AI into their workflows,

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### Visa/Featurespace Details How Fraudsters Use AI to Mass-Produce Checks

In a new PYMNTS post, Visa's Michele Herron warns that even as digital payments accelerate, old-fashioned checks remain a massive liability, driving nearly a third of U.S. fraud losses and proving 31 times more likely to be fraudulent than real-time payments.

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