



Martin County Sheriff's Office



Community Intelligence

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DEED FRAUD ALERT

The Martin County Sheriff's Office has received a report of potential deed fraud involving a property transfer that was filed without the true owner's knowledge or consent. In similar cases, individuals discover that ownership of their property was fraudulently transferred through public records.

WHAT THIS MEANS:

Criminals may attempt to illegally transfer property ownership by filing false deeds or documents with the County Clerk's office. These scams often target properties that are paid off, vacant, or owned by individuals who live out of the area.

PROTECT YOURSELF:

- Register for property fraud alerts through the Martin County Clerk's Office. Here is a link to register your property with the Martin County Clerk's Office; <https://or.martinclerk.com/LandmarkWeb/FraudAlert>
- Routinely check public property records for unauthorized filings.
- Safeguard your property documents and avoid sharing personal information related to real estate actions.
- Act immediately if you suspect fraud – contact the Clerk's Office and local law enforcement for guidance.

Reminder:

Deed fraud can affect anyone. Early detection is key to preventing financial loss and legal complications. Stay alert and verify any unexpected notifications or ownership changes related to your property.