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*****NEWS RELEASE*****

Duval Clerk's Office announces launch of Property Fraud Alert
Free service will notify participants when a document is recorded with their name

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (June 21, 2022) – The Duval County Clerk of Courts announces it has launched a Property Fraud Alert system to help citizens maintain the security of their property. This service allows participants to monitor a personal or business name and be notified whenever a document is recorded in Duval County under that name. Best of all, this program is entirely free of charge.

According to the FBI, property fraud is the fastest growing white-collar crime committed in the United States. Scammers file fake deeds, making it appear as if they own homes that are not actually theirs. These criminals then trick people into giving them money to rent or buy those homes.

The Duval Clerk's Property Fraud Alert seeks to help put a stop to these criminal acts. If a document is recorded that matches your monitoring criteria, you will receive an alert within 48 hours so that you can review the document to make sure it is legitimate. If you suspect that you are a victim of fraud, contact the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office at (904) 630-0500. You may also consider seeking legal advice, or even filing a case in civil court.

"This new Property Fraud Alert is a game changer," Clerk Jody Phillips said. "By giving individuals and businesses the ability to proactively monitor recorded documents, this will be a valuable tool to stop property fraud in Duval County in its tracks. The Clerk's Office is honored to be able to offer this service at no cost to members of our community so that they can feel secure in their ownership of their homes and businesses."

For full details and to sign up for the Property Fraud Alert, please visit: duvalclerk.com/propertyfraud

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