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### COUNTY RECORDER'S OFFICE LAUNCHES "FRAUD NOTIFY"

The Santa Cruz County Recorder's Office is pleased to announce the launch of Fraud Notify, a new service that helps protect property owners from potential real estate fraud. The free, easy-to-use program allows anyone to sign up to receive an email alert whenever a document is recorded in their name. These alerts give property owners an early warning if a fraudulent or unauthorized document — such as a deed or lien — is recorded.

"Real estate fraud can have devastating consequences, and it often goes undetected until significant damage has been done," said Sheri Thomas, County Assessor-Recorder. "Fraud Notify empowers residents to monitor their property records and take quick action if something doesn't look right."

"With the launch of "Fraud Notify", the Recorder's Office and the District Attorney's Office are taking a proactive step to protect our community from real estate scams that can cost residents their homes and life savings. This tool empowers homeowners with timely information and reinforces our commitment to safeguarding property ownership through awareness, prevention, and accountability. The District Attorney's Office is committed to the investigation and prosecution of real estate scams and fraud," said District Attorney Jeff Rosell.

Fraud Notify marks an important step toward protecting one of our community's most valuable assets — our homes. All Santa Cruz County property owners are encouraged to sign up and take advantage of this free tool to help safeguard their property.

#### How to Sign Up

Visit <https://www.recorder.santacruzcountyca.gov/> and click on Fraud Notify to register. The process takes just a few minutes and provides ongoing protection at no cost.