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Anti-fraud Program Expands

To mark National Consumer Protection Week (March 2-8), the Orange County Clerk-Recorder Department has broadened its public education to better protect real property investments in Orange County.

Every year, duplicitous and illegal activities ensnare unsuspecting property owners. Orange County Clerk-Recorder Tom Daly has made it a priority to help consumers arm themselves against potential real-estate fraud.

Courtesy notices are now being sent to parties listed on every grant deed (property transfer documents) recorded by the department to alert them to the recent transaction affecting their property. These notices previously were sent to a random sampling of property owners.

The courtesy notices are mailed about a week after the grant deed is recorded. If there are questions about the transaction, the notice includes instructions on how to resolve the concerns. The added service is provided at no additional cost to the public.

Orange County Clerk-Recorder Tom Daly said he is proud to be part of this year's National Consumer Protection Week and to expand public awareness of issues affecting property rights. He also acknowledged the Orange County Grand Jury for encouraging such anti-fraud efforts.

"Education is the first line of defense for consumers who want to manage their investments wisely and protect themselves from potential fraud," Daly said.

Supplemental information and resources, including common types of real estate fraud, can be found on the Clerk-Recorder's website, at www.ocrecorder.com. The site includes additional information on property protection, reporting problems and other assistance.

The Orange County Clerk-Recorder provides a variety of public services, including recording documents related to real property transactions, maintaining and issuing copies of birth, death and marriage certificates, issuing marriage licenses and performing civil wedding ceremonies. The department also oversees the Orange County Archives, a center for materials, research and education preserving Orange County history for the public.