

## Why Pay a Service to Monitor Your Deed? The Clerk & Comptroller Does it for Free

Homeownership is the cornerstone of the American Dream, but a growing number of scammers are looking to cash in on your investment.

Deed theft and mortgage fraud, also known as “house stealing,” was identified by the FBI in 2008 as the “latest scam on the block.” Since then, it’s become a problem for homeowners across the United States.

While some companies offer to guard against this crime for a fee of as much \$15 a month, my office can help you protect your home for free.

Just like signing up for credit card alerts or identity theft protection, our Property Fraud Alert program gives you the peace of mind of knowing that your property is being monitored for signs of fraud.

Here’s how it works:

- Register in minutes by visiting our website, [mypalmbeachclerk.com/propertyfraud](http://mypalmbeachclerk.com/propertyfraud), or calling (800) 728-3858.
- Enter the name of the person or business you would like to monitor.
- If a document is recorded in that name, you will receive an alert from our office within 48 hours.
- This early notification makes it much more difficult for scammers to go undetected.

I urge everyone in who owns property in Palm Beach County to sign up today for this valuable service. You have enough to worry about when you own a home. Deed theft and mortgage fraud shouldn’t be on that list.

Warm regards,

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