MARIN OFFICIALS TEAM UP TO PROVIDE PROTECTION FROM PROPERTY DEED FRAUD

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MARIN OFFICIALS CONFRONT DEED THEFT
MARIN'S SHELLY SCOTT AND LORI FRUGOLI TEAM UP

- Assessor-Recorder-County Clerk Shelly Scott and District Attorney Lori Frugoli collaborate to target deed theft
- Marin's older population makes residents vulnerable to deed theft
- Long-term generational property owners have built-up equity, which can be attractive to criminals
- Deed theft can go undetected and is expensive to repair
WHAT IS DEED (TITLE) THEFT?
DEFINITION OF DEED THEFT

Deed theft occurs when someone, without the owner’s permission, transfers the title of a home to someone other than the owner.

Deed Fraud can include:

- Fraud: Homeowner is tricked into signing over her deed to someone else.

- Forgery: Property owner’s signature is forged on the deed, which transfers the property to another party.
WHAT SHELLY SCOTT AND LORI FRUGOLI ARE DOING ABOUT IT
When a deed is recorded in the Marin County Recorder’s Office, the owner, based on current assessment information, is notified of the transfer by mail the next business day.
Homeowners who are aware of the recorded deed do not need to act

For those not aware, the letter provides the contact information for the Marin County District Attorney’s Office
PROTECTING PROPERTY OWNERS
OTHER WAYS TO KEEP YOUR PROPERTY SAFE

• Check the Recorder’s online index frequently for recently recorded documents that involve your name
• If your home is unoccupied, have someone check in on it regularly to ensure it’s vacant
• Contact the Assessor or Tax Collector if you stop receiving annual tax bills
FOR MORE INFORMATION

- Contact the District Attorney's Office by e-mail at __

- Or contact the Recorder at Recorder@MarinCounty.org