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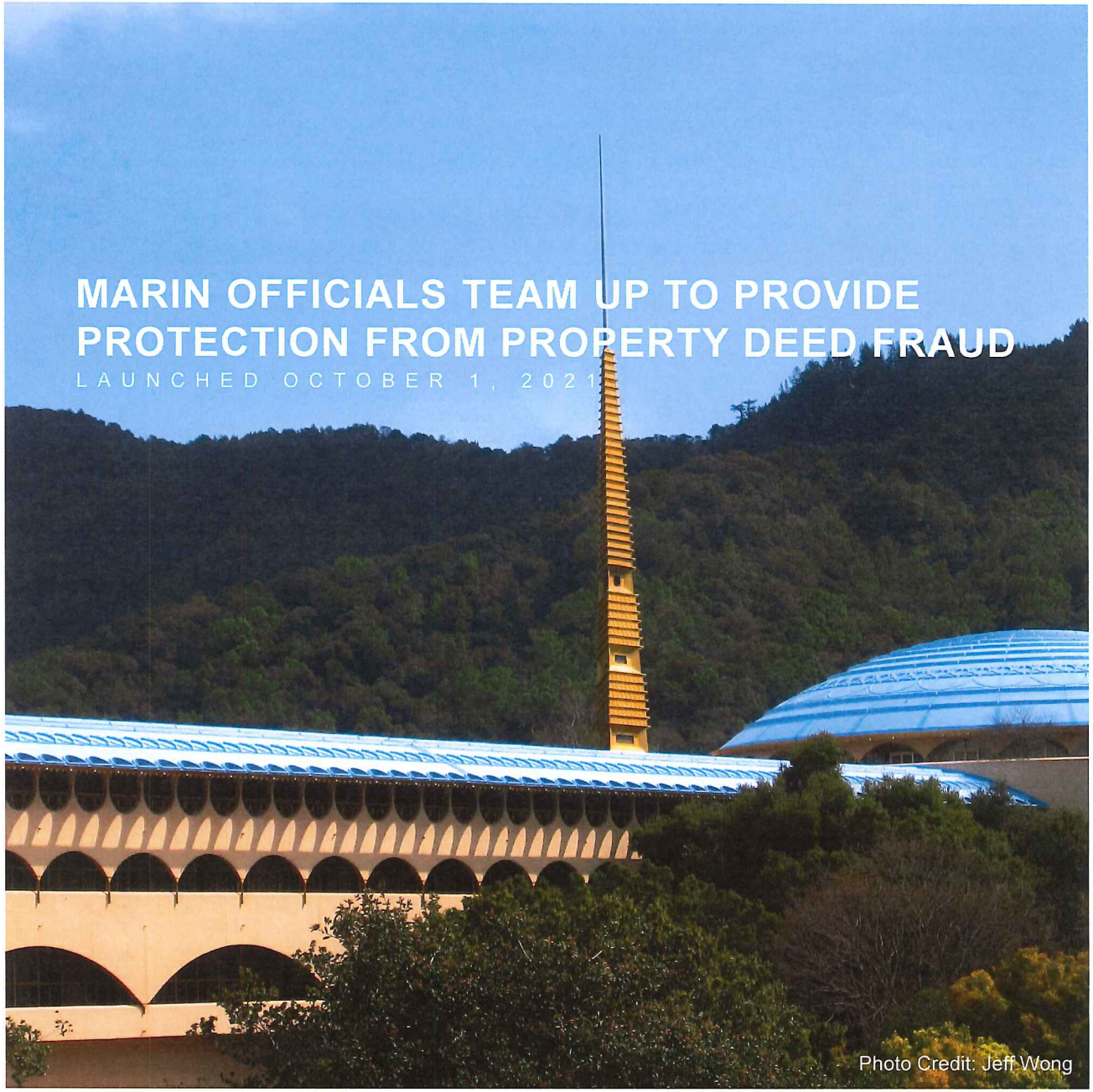

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MARIN OFFICIALS CONFRONT DEED THEFT

MARIN'S SHELLY SCOTT AND LORI FRUGOLI TEAM UP

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- 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

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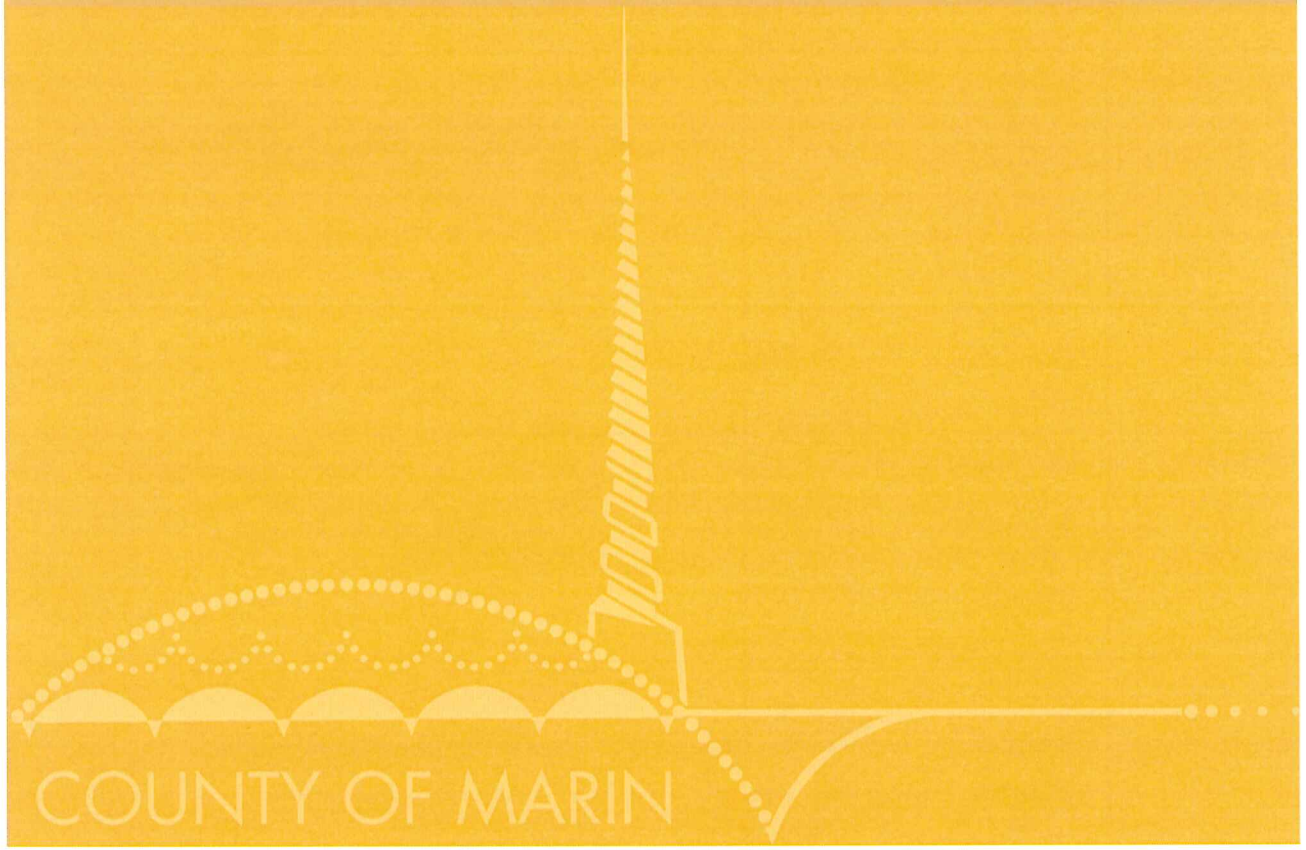
WHAT IS DEED (TITLE) THEFT?



DEFINITION OF DEED THEFT

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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

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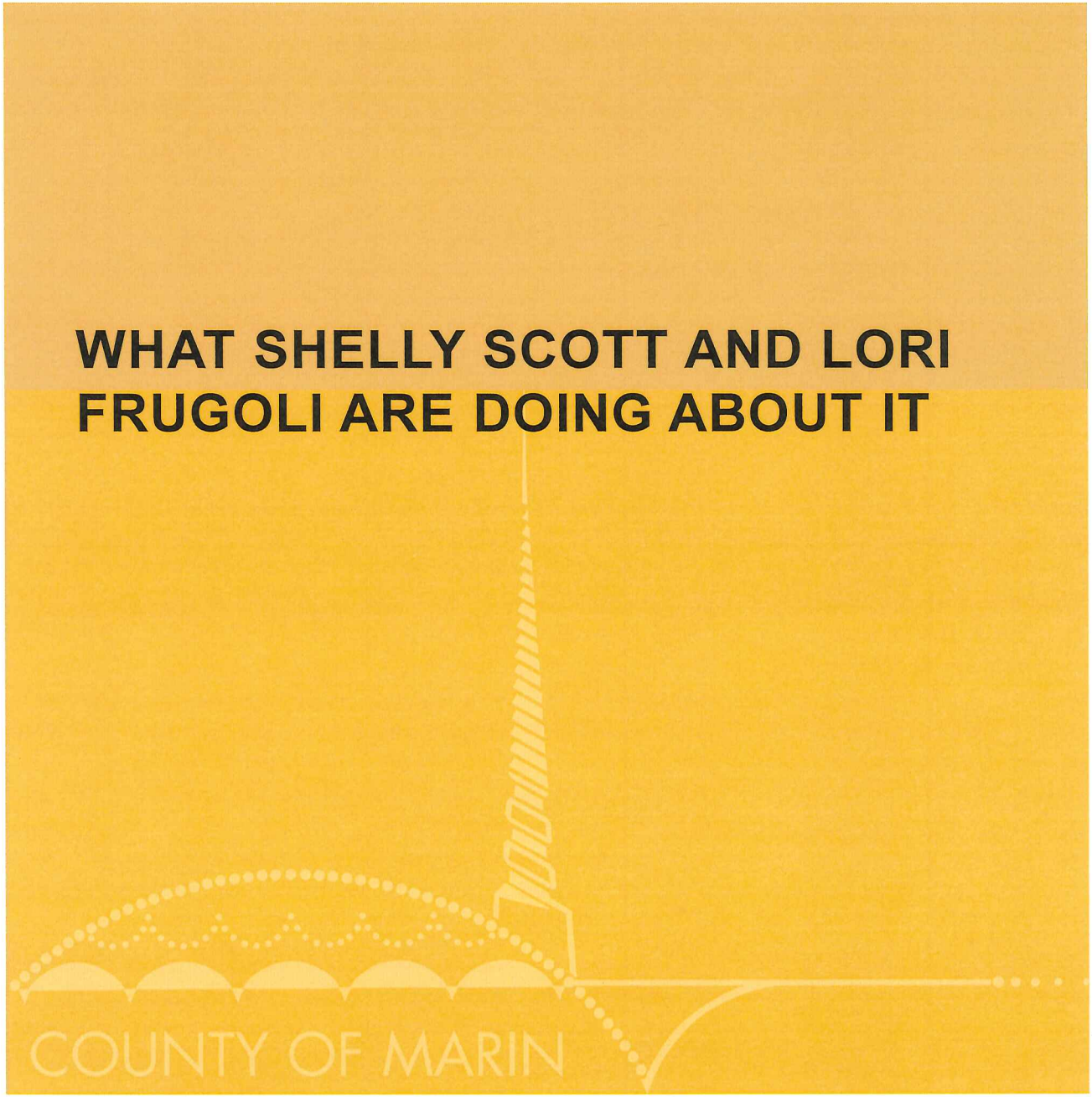
WHAT SHELLY SCOTT AND LORI FRUGOLI ARE DOING ABOUT IT



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TIMELY NOTIFICATION BY MAIL

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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

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PROVIDING RESOURCES

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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

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OTHER WAYS TO KEEP YOUR PROPERTY SAFE

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- 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

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FOR MORE INFORMATION

- Contact the District Attorney's Office by e-mail at __
- Or contact the Recorder at Recorder@MarinCounty.org

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