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Property Fraud Alert - Public Notice



Paula S. O'Neil, Ph.D., would like to inform Pasco County citizens of a new fraud prevention measure available to them for free! The Property Fraud Alert system helps to protect a person's property from fraud by monitoring documents such as liens, deeds, and mortgages that are recorded in Pasco

County. "I want to offer a service to citizens and business owners so they can protect some of their most valuable assets, their homes and businesses, from potential fraud," said Dr. O'Neil. "Just like signing up to receive alerts on credit cards or identity protection, the Property Fraud Alert system monitors Pasco County Official Records recordings to notify registered users of any activity by email. This will provide peace of mind to many of us."

According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the crime rate of property and mortgage fraud is rising in the United States. In many cases, scammers have filed fraudulent deeds, masquerading as property owners of homes. Some have deceived people into giving them money to rent or buy those homes.

Registering for fraud alert protection with the Pasco Clerk & Comptroller's Office is free and easy at www.pascoclerk.com or by calling (800) 747-4600. Customers determine the personal and business name(s) they want monitored and may choose to receive alerts through email or over the phone. Upon notification of a document recorded with the registered name(s), property owners may verify whether the activity was initiated by them or someone attempting to commit property fraud. Anyone who believes they are a victim of property fraud is urged to contact law enforcement. This early alert feature will give property owners valuable time to stop predators in their tracks.

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