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PASSAIC COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE ANNOUNCES PROPERTY FRAUD WARNING SYSTEM

Paterson, NJ – Passaic County Clerk Danielle Ireland-Imhof is pleased to announce the launch of a new Property Fraud Warning System for Passaic County property owners. The Property Fraud Warning System is a free service that provides email notifications whenever a property document with your name is recorded in the County Clerk's Office.

"In today's more convenient wired world, we need to stay alert about protecting ourselves from fraud. My office will be assisting property owners with an alert system to help prevent mortgage fraud," said Clerk Ireland-Imhof.

According to the FBI, property and mortgage fraud is one of the fastest growing white collar crimes in the United States. This new Property Fraud Warning Service can serve as an early alert to property owners of possible fraudulent activity so that they can take the appropriate next steps with law enforcement agencies. Additionally, the system can be used as a monitoring mechanism to keep track of the filing of legitimate documents once you finish with a property closing, taking out or paying off a mortgage.

"This is a valuable and important Alert System. The property recording function will notify county property owners of potential fraud against them and one of their most precious assets, their property," said Clerk Ireland-Imhof.

After registering to be enrolled in the Property Fraud Warning System by following a few quick and simple steps, subscribers will receive an email notification if a property document with their name is recorded in the future. If someone receives an email notification they can quickly check the Clerk's Property Search website (records.passaiccountynj.org) to view a PDF of the actual document that was recorded.

"This is a process that takes just a couple of minutes but will offer long-lasting security and peace of mind for property owners. I strongly encourage all property owners to take advantage of this free service," added Clerk Ireland-Imhof.

Passaic County property owners can enroll in this new program by visiting www.passaiccountyclerk.org, clicking the link entitled "Property Fraud Warning System" and following the prompts on the screen.

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