

# Helping to Reduce Fraud in Your Community

Protecting the homeowners in your county has never been easier. Data Trace<sup>®</sup> offers a unique and comprehensive real estate transaction notification program designed to assist in protecting your residents from becoming victims of fraud. We dedicate our resources to properly research and distribute recorded documents such as grant deeds, quitclaim deeds, notices of default and trust deeds along with a courtesy letter, delivered directly to the homeowners in your county.

The volatile housing market set the stage for one of the fastest growing white collar crimes in the United States — real estate fraud. This growing trend encourages intervention by government officials to prevent, investigate and prosecute instances of fraud.

Your office can help contribute to consumer awareness, and thereby significantly reduce the opportunities for fraudulent activity in your county.



## **Recording Notification** Service

- Prepare and deliver courtesy notices with recorded documents
- Quick and easy to implement
- Custom designed to meet your needs
- Delivery based on your schedule
- Unique monthly summary reports of each notification
- Full logistics and quality control
- Direct coordination to detect fraud committed against homeowners
- Based upon nation's largest database of real estate information and document images

## **Common Types of Real Estate Fraud**

- Foreclosure Bailout
- Home Renovation Scams
- Home Equity Fraud
- Rental Fraud

## **Identify, Investigate and Prevent**

We offer a comprehensive suite of county notification services with District Attorneys and County Clerk-Recorders to identify, investigate and prevent real estate and mortgage fraud, nationwide.

#### Identification

Data Trace identifies properties which are subjects of recently recorded instruments and we notify their rightful owners through our correspondence. We provide the homeowner a copy of the recent transaction document along with a courtesy notice explaining what to do in the event of fraud.

## Investigation

The District Attorney's Office investigates instances of suspicious real estate activity. When homeowners are notified by our program of potential threats to their property, they alert the county's real estate fraud investigation unit of any suspicious activity. Our courtesy notice letters include the contact information of the local District Attorney's office to start investigation.

#### Prevention

An alert system is a necessary proactive approach to protect your local homeowners. Our notification program has helped reduce the number of real estate fraud cases since its introduction over 20 years ago.

We Do the Work,

## You Take the Credit

- Help identify existing real estate fraud and deter future schemes in your area
- Full and comprehensive coordination of notification deliveries
- Complete adherence to your county's specific notification requirements, with quality control
- A variety of service levels available, completely customized to meet your needs
- Research and data is compiled by DataTrace, the nation's largest provider of real estate information and document images

### **About Data Trace**

## **Helping Businesses Grow Since 1968**

Data Trace Information Services, LLC provides advanced real estate title search technology and support services that enable title and settlement services companies to quickly access and search historic documents in hundreds of regional databases through a secure and intuitive interface.

Every day, thousands of title insurance companies rely on Data Trace's innovative technology to open and close more business by delivering title history information, property tax assessment and payment data, document images and property profiles for major U.S. metropolitan areas.



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