

# Real Estate Fraud Prevention

## Helping to Reduce Fraud in Your Community

Protecting the homeowners in your county has never been easier. DataTrace® 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.

## Common Types of Real Estate Fraud

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



## 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

## Identify, Investigate and Prevent

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

### Identification

DataTrace 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.

## About DataTrace

### The Premier Innovator and Leading Provider of Title Data and Automation

DataTrace Information Services, LLC provides advanced real estate title data, technology, managed services and automation that allows companies to successfully manage the entire process of sourcing, creating and delivering title data. Title and settlement services companies can leverage the latest in title production technology, quickly access and search historic documents in hundreds of regional databases through a secure and intuitive interface, and order completed title search products nationwide.

Every day, thousands of title insurance companies rely on DataTrace's innovative technology and services to close more business by delivering title history information, property tax assessment and payment data, document images, property profiles and title reports anywhere in the country. DataTrace is a proud recipient of the Stevie® Awards for Sales and Customer Service.

## 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