



# The Anatomy of Home Title Theft: Stealing Property Titles with Fraudulent Documents

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We're back with another issue of our informative newsletter. In this edition, we'll examine the curious cases of deed fraud — a crime costing communities across the U.S. millions of dollars every year. Check out this list of articles that sheds light on this crime and the government's actions against it.

## HOME TITLE THEFT IN THE NEWS:



**'It was nuts': Lucas County auditor clamps down on home title theft**

- Ohio



**October: Calgary man charged in \$2.1 million mortgage fraud scheme**

- Calgary



**Justice Department investigating local prosecutors over 'significant failures' in mortgage fraud case**

- New York



### **Scammers selling and renting property illegally on Zillow, Craigslist**

- Utah



### **Two men arrested in Montreal in alleged \$1.5 million real estate scam**

- Montreal



### **Queens DA returns over \$40K to rent scam victims who were duped into renting Richmond Hill apartment**

- New York



### **Mortgage and title fraud 'nothing new,' Toronto real estate agent says**

- Toronto



### **Up to 10 years in prison for selling stolen NYC home using fake power of attorney**

- New York



### **Real estate scam weasels more than \$30K from Durham man who thought he bought long-time dream**

- North Carolina

## **GOVERNMENT'S ACTION AGAINST HOME TITLE THEFT:**

Placer County, California	New program to deter home title fraud
San Diego County	County moves to protect against home title theft
Philadelphia	Plan. Protect. Probate.   Probate Deferment Initiative   Dead Fraud
Wisconsin	Multi-county property fraud alert system
Florida	Broward's Property Appraiser takes on crime-fighting role as property crimes proliferate

## FIGHTING FRAUD: MUST-READS

- ✓ [How to fight identity theft? Useful insights curated by an identity theft attorney](#)
- ✓ [Warning Signs of a Real Estate Fraud](#)
- ✓ [Home title theft: How can senior homeowners stay safe?](#)
- ✓ [A useful guide to identity theft protection](#)

## CHECK OUT OUR LATEST WEBINAR:



### **10 Things You Need to Know About Home Title Theft | David Fleck | Master Class on Home**

Forward this newsletter to colleagues who are concerned about deed fraud, including detectives, title professionals, county clerk employees, notaries and others.



David Fleck has personally battled deed fraud since 2003 – first as a real estate fraud prosecutor in the Los Angeles District Attorney’s Office and then as a private trial lawyer suing to recover victims’ properties. In 2019, he founded Veritable Data Solutions, Inc. to develop technology that prevents deed fraud, which he has accomplished with the Veri-Lock® System. Although there is no easy way to confirm this, he has probably represented more deed fraud victims than any other attorney nationwide.