

## **News Release**

### **Consumer Alert: You don't need this company!**

*Letters mailed to citizens from National Record Service, Inc. offering to sell high priced deeds!*

**(August 18, 2011)** – The Madison County Recorder Angela Shelton would like to warn Madison County Residents to be aware of a solicitation letter, should it appear in their mailbox.

Solicitation letters have been mailed to homeowners in Madison County and in surrounding counties in an attempt to sell homeowners certified copies of the deed to their homes at a cost of \$59.50 with the option of purchasing an additional certified copy at \$20.00.

The solicitation letters are being sent from a company called "National Record Service, Inc. with the recording information from properties in Madison County. These solicitation letters often look as if they are coming from a government office, but in actuality they are coming from a company located in Northbrook, Illinois called "National Record Service, Inc."

"We take a proactive role in warning consumers about these kinds of Deed Scams." Angela Shelton said. "Many times a Deed is two to four pages, and homeowners can obtain a copy for a dollar a page most deeds range from \$2 to \$4 dollars. Our office will certify a copy for \$5 dollars."

The Madison County Recorder office recently added online access to property records online. Homeowners can access a variety of property documents including a copy of a deed, mortgage, lien, or a release of a lien can all be conveniently found online by going to the Recorder's office homepage at [www.madisoncounty.in.gov](http://www.madisoncounty.in.gov) .

If you get this solicitation letter, don't presume your property deed is in jeopardy. Property owners are not required to have a copy of the deed to their home. When a property is sold, the deed is traditionally retrieved by the title search company involved in the transaction.

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