

Fraudulent Land Sales

Attempts to Sell Land by Fraudulent Owners

Real estate agencies are getting calls from people claiming to be owners of vacant land wishing to sell. They stated they live far away and have owned the property for years, but need to sell for various reasons.

We are seeing some properties getting listed for sale, having offers accepted, and heading into the purchase process. One in Sussex County actually went to closing with funds being disbursed to the fraudulent owner.

Our communities need to be aware and we are such close-knit towns/communities we need to continue to watch out for each other.

Please be cognizant of your neighbor's vacant land or even vacant or seasonal homes. IF you see a "For Sale" sign go up we suggest you reach out to the neighbor to confirm they are selling.

These "scammers" are very good at convincing some that they are the owners; they've even made/forwarded to us fake licenses, etc. They have people who will accept overnight documents and have even gotten some notaries to notarize the sale documents.

This is and will continue to be an issue if we don't continue to be great neighbors to each other and keep our guard up.

We do have a direct FBI contact IF you should need it.

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