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### *Sangamon County Recorder Issues an Alert for Area Homeowners*

February 25, 2009, SPRINGFIELD, IL – Sangamon County Recorder, Josh Langfelder, issued a warning to Sangamon County residents today, after his office received phone calls from concerned residents about a solicitation circulating throughout the county advertising a service providing property owners with a certified copy of the deed to their property.

The National Deed Service, Inc. from Northbrook, Illinois sent a mailing to new homeowners in Sangamon County offering to provide a certified copy of their deed for the cost of \$59.50.

Individuals should be aware they receive a copy of their deed after their home closing but also a copy is filed with the Recorder's Office. If needed, a homeowner can retrieve a non-certified copy of their deed from the Recorder's Office for a fee of \$2.00 or a certified copy for \$26.00.

“The phone calls we've received inquiring about this advertisement have been from individuals wondering if they need a copy of their deed” Langfelder said. “My staff informs the callers that if they need a copy of their deed, they can retrieve a copy from the Recorder's Office.”

The records with the Recorder's Office are public record and can be searched by any individual. Deed solicitations are not the only solicitations being mailed. The Recorder's Office has received calls on mortgage insurance and refinance solicitations.

“Educating the public about the Recorder's Office and the services we provide are some of the responsibilities of this office” Langfelder said. “People need to be aware that these solicitations come from a third party and are not associated or condoned by the Recorder's Office.”

The Sangamon County Recorder's Office is located at Sangamon County Building 200 South Ninth Street Room 211 and is open Monday – Friday from 8:30 – 5:00. For more information about the Office, please call (217)535-3150 or visit [www.co.sangamon.il.us/Offices/recorder.asp](http://www.co.sangamon.il.us/Offices/recorder.asp).