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CONSUMER ALERT!

From the Office of Denver District Attorney
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Denver DA Warns Homeowners of Overpriced Property Deeds

September 14, 2007. The Denver District Attorney's Office has received notice of mailings to residents of Windsor Gardens and perhaps other older homeowners from National Deed Service, Inc. out of Northbrook, Illinois. The mailing solicits property owners to order a certified copy of their Property Deed Document for \$69.50.

"Beware of companies that try to make a profit off of information that's already available for little cost," said Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey. "Consumers who get these notices need to know that they don't have to pay this company to get a copy of their deed."

Denver property owners who need a certified copy of their property deed may order one directly from the County Clerk and Recorder for \$1.25 a page and a \$1.00 certification fee. This can be done online at www.denvergov.org by clicking first on *Records and Documents*, then *Property Taxes and Real Estate Records*, and then *Request a Property Deed*. You can also visit the Clerk and Recorder's Office at 201 W. Colfax.

According to the Chicago Better Business Bureau, National Deed Service, also doing business as Illinois Deed Provider, Inc., has an *unsatisfactory record*, due to a failure to respond to a complaint and to a pattern of consumer allegations. According to the information provided to the Bureau, consumers allege they were misled by the company's solicitations into thinking that Illinois Deed Provider was a governmental agency, and/or that the service provided was either necessary and/or official.

**Need help or have a question?
Call the Denver DA Fraud Line: 720-913-9179**

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For more information on *Denver DA Warns Homeowners of Overpriced Property Deeds*, go to www.denverda.org and click on Consumer Alerts.

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