

Reporting to Federal Agencies

In cases where title fraud may involve identity theft, forged signatures, or coordinated criminal activity across state or county lines, reporting the issue to federal agencies can strengthen your legal protections and open the door to broader investigations. Filing with the FBI and the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) also establishes official records that you can use with credit bureaus, insurance providers, or legal representatives.

Why This Matters

Federal authorities such as the FBI and FTC can investigate large-scale or multi-jurisdictional cases of fraud. Their involvement adds weight to your case and may lead to more thorough investigations, especially if identity theft is suspected. Additionally, the FTC's tools can help you recover and protect your identity moving forward.

Where to File

Use the following resources to report title fraud at the federal level:

✦ FBI Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3)

Website: <https://www.ic3.gov>

Use this portal to submit a report describing the unauthorized filing. Be specific: include dates, property addresses, document types, involved parties, and any known details that support your case.

✦ Federal Trade Commission (FTC)

Identity Theft Recovery: <https://www.identitytheft.gov>

This site will walk you through a personalized identity theft recovery plan. Upon filing, you'll receive an official FTC Identity Theft Report, which you can provide to your county recorder, law enforcement, or any financial institution involved.

Helpful Tips

- Save a copy of each federal report submission and reference number.
- Include copies of your reports when communicating with your county recorder or attorney.
- File as soon as you confirm fraud to establish a clear timeline of events.

Need Help?

If you're unsure whether to file with a federal agency or need help gathering supporting documentation, Secure Title Watch is here to help. Contact us at support@securetitlewatch.com for guidance.