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SUMMARY

During the housing boom and subsequent bust beginning in 2008, Monterey County, like the rest of the nation, experienced a high number of deed transfers from purchases and foreclosures.¹ National media investigations uncovered widespread unlawful acts by banks, mortgage companies, loan servicers, and agents where robo-signers were used to expedite the processing of documents.² This came to light primarily during contested foreclosures but remains an issue across many land records.

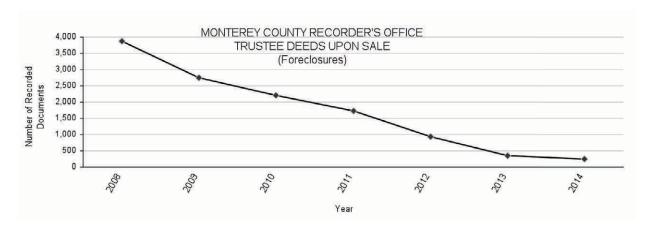


Figure 1.

As seen in Figure 1, foreclosures in Monterey County have been steadily decreasing since 2008. Unfortunately they are still a reality and have been predicted to increase due to the temporary relief measures expiring this year.³ With the decline in foreclosures the data pool is smaller for an audit of Monterey County land records to look for robo-signing and other forms of fraud.

Preliminary investigation of selected documents indicate that robo-signing and other forms of fraud are still issues in Monterey County that should be addressed to ensure the accuracy and reliability of County land records. There are currently no systems in place at the County level to determine the validity of title transfers as authorized by legally recognized signatures. An audit of County land recordings by a real estate fraud expert would determine the extent of the problem in Monterey County.

Monterey County recorded 3,875 Trustee's Deeds on foreclosure sales in 2008. See Figure 1 for the pattern of Trustee's Deeds for 2008-2014.

Robo-signing involves people who provide their signatures or sign for others on title transfer documents swearing to their accuracy without verifying any of the information.

Dayen, David (August 24, 2014). You Thought the Mortgage Crisis Was Over? It's About to Flare Up Again. New Republic. Retrieved from http://www.newrepublic.com/article/119187/mortgage-foreclo-sures-2015-why-crisis-will-flare-again

BACKGROUND

California is a non-judicial foreclosure state, meaning that when foreclosures are processed, homeowners can lose their homes without any court oversight. California law is designed to balance creditors' rights to an efficient remedy for default against homeowners' rights to assure lawful foreclosures. However, abuses of the system during the housing boom and bust were rampant. The California Department of Justice supposedly corrected the practices of robo-signing and other infractions in its settlements with the foreclosing institutions. California's 2012 legislation, the Homeowner's Bill of Rights, was intended to offer additional protections for Californians in an effort to curb the abuses. In its investigation, the Monterey County Civil Grand Jury (MCCGJ) learned that these abuses are continuing and are evident in the land records of Monterey County.

The MCCGJ believes a system should be in place for the protection of the County's citizenry, to the extent it can be crafted and funded. With the Real Estate Fraud Prosecution Trust Fund in effect since 1995 (see discussion below), monies are available for investigations and prosecutions that can bring revenue to the County from statutory penalties of up to \$75,000 per violation. *California Penal Code section 115.5 (a)*.

INVESTIGATIVE METHODOLOGY

Researching this issue involved several different approaches including:

Every person who files any false or forged document or instrument with the county recorder which affects title to, places an encumbrance on, or places an interest secured by a mortgage or deed of trust on, real property consisting of a single-family residence containing not more than four dwelling units, with knowledge that the document is false or forged, is punishable, in addition to any other punishment, by a fine not exceeding seventy five thousand dollars (\$75,000). California Penal Code section 115.5(a).

- Reviewing numerous recorded deeds from Monterey County public records
- Interviewing officials with the County Assessor and Clerk-Recorder Office, Monterey County District Attorney's Office, and two expert witnesses in the field
- Conducting phone interviews with staff of other County Recorders' Offices
- Examining the Monterey County District Attorney website

In addition, the following related materials were reviewed:

- Legal case reports
- Audits
- Relevant Statutory codes
- Relevant Legislative bills
- Report to the Monterey County Board of Supervisors
- Media reports

In a March 3, 2015, article published in *USAToday* it was reported that one of the nation's largest banks entered into a \$50 million settlement agreement with the Department of Justice for admittedly filing perjured and/or forged affidavits in 25,000 U.S. bankruptcy cases across the country. Yet, no one was apparently charged with a crime.

DISCUSSION

On April 17, 2015, California Attorney General Kamala D. Harris filed an Amicus Brief in the Supreme Court of the State of California in support of a plaintiff whose home was foreclosed upon by an institution that allegedly lacked the ownership interest in the plaintiff's mortgage and deed of trust. Because California is a non-judicial foreclosure state, the plaintiff was forced to bring litigation in order to void the sale and loss of her home. The Attorney General stated in her supporting brief that:

[B]ecause there is no court oversight in a non-judicial foreclosure, it is important for there to be a way to challenge irregularities in that process. Empowering homeowners—who have the most at stake and the most to lose—with the ability to challenge improper loan assignments and other defects is the most direct way to accomplish that goal. Moreover, permitting such a cause of action would incentivize lending institutions to employ due diligence with respect to ensuring proper assignments and confirming who currently holds a loan.

Brief for the California Attorney General as Amicus Curiae, page 17, <u>Tsvetana Yvanova</u> v. <u>New Century</u> <u>Mortgage et al.</u> (2015) Case No. S218973

HOME LOANS

Homeowners often take out a loan for the purchase or refinance of their home. A Deed of Trust is recorded in the County Recorder's Office records, which secures the lender's interest in the homeowner's obligation to pay off the note. In today's market, the loan is often sold to numerous other loan servicers over the life of the loan. Ideally, each time an Assignment of Deed of Trust occurs, notice should be given to homeowners, so they know who owns the note and whom to pay. However, California law does not require that Assignments of Deeds of Trust be recorded, with notice to the homeowners. The MCCGJ has learned that in some instances, Monterey County homeowners are contacted by different institutions for loan payments, and the homeowners have no knowledge of who actually owns the note and is entitled to the payments.

FORECLOSURES

When a homeowner falls on hard times and cannot make payments, foreclosure action is initiated, which can take as little as 120 days after the Notice of Default is recorded. Once initiated, a homeowner's only recourse to stave off foreclosure is to file a lawsuit. This is an expensive and arduous proposition unavailable to most who find themselves in these circumstances. Given that most homeowners are financially unable to retain legal counsel by the time they are faced with a pending foreclosure, the loss of the family home is almost a certainty. In addition, the language involved in these proceedings is technical and difficult to understand for most any layperson trying to navigate through the daunting procedures involving foreclosure.

Lending institutions and loan servicers continue to face litigation from state and federal agencies for industry abuses, including robo-signing. Robo-signing refers to the practice of signing deed of trust assignments, satisfactions, and other home loan related documents in an assembly-line fashion. It can mean someone forges an executive's signature, a lower-level employee signs his

or her own name with a fake title, or notary procedures are not in compliance. Robo-signing of foreclosure related documents (including Assignments of Deeds of Trust, Substitutions of

Trustee, Notices of Default, Notices of Trustee Sale, and Trustee's Deeds Upon Sale) serves to cover up the fact that loan servicers and their agents cannot demonstrate the facts required to conduct a lawful foreclosure. The signature of an authorized bank or mortgage official on these legal documents is supposed to guarantee that this

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information is accurate. The recorded paper trail serves to ensure the legal chain of title on real property and has been the backbone of U.S. property ownership for more than 300 years. In its study of the current practice of not recording successive loan ownership interests, Harvard Law School concluded, "For the first time in the history of the nation, there is no longer an authoritative public record of interests in land in each county." ⁵

If an unauthorized signer has executed legal documents at any time along the chain of title, over numerous sales of a loan to different institutions, the sale can be voided. However, because Assignments of Deeds of Trust are not required to be recorded, the homeowner may not know whom to contact when seeking alternatives to foreclosure, because the paper trail is not available. If the Trust Deed Assignments were available for inspection and review, robo-signing could be exposed and homeowners could be able to act appropriately. The MCCGJ learned that often Monterey County Assignments of Deeds of Trust are not recorded until *after* the foreclosure sale has taken place, further confusing the homeowner and disregarding the protection of transparency on the public record.⁶

The April 17, 2015 Amicus Brief of the California Attorney General, cited above, explains the dilemma:

[T]he identity of the party having authority to foreclose on a homeowner matters. For example, if an invalid assignment had not occurred, the original lender may have exercised more leniency with missed payments or worked out a loan modification plan with the homeowner. And as described above, foreclosures have moved at an unprecedented pace in recent years. It is possible that another lender would have engaged in a slower process that would have given the homeowner more time to improve his financial situation or seek other alternatives to avoid foreclosure. ... Although a plaintiff need not allege such facts [of defendants' deceptive practices] (which would, in many cases, be difficult if not impossible for the plaintiff to do without knowing the inner-workings of various banking institu-

California Civil Code section 2932.5 provides that "Where a power to sell real property is given to a mortgagee, or other encumbrancer, in an instrument intended to secure the payment of money, the power is part of the security and vests in any person who by assignment becomes entitled to payment of the money secured by the instrument. The power of sale may be exercised by the assignee if the assignment is duly acknowledged and recorded." (Italics added for emphasis.)

Max Weinstein, Melanie Leslie, David J. Reiss, Joseph W. Singer, and Rebecca Tushnet. "MERS Litigation—Brief Of Amicus Curiae The Legal Services Center of Harvard Law School And Law Professors in Support of The Appellee, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, Recorder Of Deeds, No. 14-4315" 2015 pg 35

tions), these examples demonstrate that being foreclosed on by the wrong party can result in tangible harm.

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RECORDERS' LEGAL PROTECTIONS

The MCCGJ understands that the Monterey County Recorder's Office is working within its mandate in recording papers presented to it that appear to be facially valid, pursuant to Government Code section 27201, *et seq.*. However, upon a cursory inspection by a forensic document examiner, it was noted that these papers evidence numerous defects which are highly suspect and cast doubt on their validity and violate the public trust.

AUDITS EXPOSE VIOLATIONS

MCCGJ consulted with Marie McDonnell, a mortgage fraud and forensic analyst and certified fraud examiner with McDonnell Property Analytics, who has performed numerous audits exposing violations similar to those identified by her in the public records of Monterey County. Her preliminary findings identified the following:

You have robo-signers galore; fraudulent assignments; unauthorized substitutions of trustee; MERS fraud; and a host of violations of California statutes.

McDonnell, Marie. Letter to MCCGJ. 17 January 2015. TS.

In her expert opinion:

Innumerable negative externalities result from this errant behavior, e.g., due process violations; wrongful foreclosure; wrongful displacement and homelessness; clouded and unmarketable titles; uncertainty in real estate transactions; devaluation in property values; erosion of the tax base; social unrest; undue burdens on social services and welfare programs; increased crime; vacancies; neighborhood blight, etc. the price of which is paid at the local level.

McDonnell, Marie. Letter to MCCGJ. 10 February 2015. TS.

The problems addressed in this report are not limited to Monterey County. In fact they occur throughout California and the United States.

The Guilford County, North Carolina, Register of Deeds, Jeff L. Thigpen, filed a lawsuit in 2012 seeking to clean up 'the mess' in the County's property records registry which was blamed on fraudulently executed mortgage documents. He ultimately failed to prevail for lack of standing *on behalf of* Guilford County residents, but his arguments could be used by individuals personally affected by those recorded documents.

John L. O'Brien, Jr., the Register of Deeds for the Southern Essex District Registry of Deeds in Salem, Massachusetts, engaged Marie McDonnell to produce the *Forensic Examination of Essex*

Southern District Registry in 2011.⁷ From that effort, a list of known robo-signers was created (see Appendix A.) Some of those listed robo-signers were also found in Monterey County land records (see Appendix B).

In February 2012 the Office of the Assessor-Recorder for San Francisco County, Phil Ting, published an independent audit called *Foreclosure in California: A Crisis of Compliance*. That audit found that 84% of the foreclosure files contained at least one clear legal filing violation and more than 66% contained multiple violations.⁸

These audits all addressed various aspects of county recording practices and the implications of numerous improprieties found throughout the process. Chain of title must be unbroken in order to ensure integrity and transparency in the land records system. It is the viewpoint of the MCCGJ that an audit of Monterey County land title records would uncover similar problems in its recorded documents. If handled proactively, best practices at the county, state and national levels can be established to ensure public trust in our land records system.

REAL ESTATE FRAUD PROSECUTION TRUST FUND

California Government Code section 27388 provides for a Real Estate Fraud Prosecution Trust Fund to be financed by fees, up to \$10 per document, charged for recording documents that do not require a documentary transfer tax (including Assignments of Deeds of Trust, Substitutions of Trustee, Notices of Default, Notices of Trustee Sale, and some Trustee's Deeds Upon Sale). Monterey County now charges \$9 per such document upon recording. Real Estate Fraud Prosecution Trust Fund money is earmarked for investigation and prosecution of real estate fraud. In its 2014 Annual Real Estate Report to the Board of Supervisors, the Monterey County District Attorney's Office reported that there was \$508,188 in the Trust Fund for such purposes, and that it spent \$446,514 in such investigative and prosecutorial activities. In that same year (2014), its actions resulted in a court judgement for approximately \$180,000 in civil penalties, restitution and costs for the County and its affected Citizens, although the judgement is currently on appeal.

The County Board of Supervisors can, upon adoption of a resolution, raise the Trust Fund fee to \$10 per document if the District Attorney sees fit and deems an increase is necessary. The motivation for doing so would be to more vigorously "fund programs to enhance the capacity of local police and prosecutors to deter, investigate, and prosecute real estate fraud crimes" (Government

In an effort to mitigate these problems, Southern Essex District Registry of Deeds has taken upon itself the task of notifying citizens that they will submit copies of documents of concern to the State's Attorney General's office to determine if there is a possible violation of Crime Against Property Statute—MGL Chapter 266, Section 35A (b) (4) to ensure the integrity of the land recordation system. They also support citizens by supplying an affidavit that must account for accurate signatures before they can be processed (Appendix C).

⁸ This work was referenced in Max Weinstein, Melanie Leslie, David J. Reiss, Joseph W. Singer, and Rebecca Tushnet. "MERS Litigation – Brief Of Amicus Curiae The Legal Services Center of Harvard Law School And Law Professors in Support of The Appellee, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, Recorder Of Deeds, No. 14-4315" 2015.

To make matters worse, the very abusers of the system who assign the beneficial interest in a loan without notice to the homeowner do not contribute to the California Real Estate Fraud Prosecution Trust Fund, because they are not required to record their Assignments which would otherwise provide needed revenue to the County to investigate and deter those abuses

Code section 27388(b)), and would offset the cost of an audit of Monterey County land records. The law states that, "The intent of the legislature in enacting this section is to have an impact on real estate fraud involving the largest number of victims" (Government Code section 27388(f)).

From its inquiries and investigation, the MCCGJ found that the topic of real estate fraud deserves more attention than it has received. The MCCGJ has determined the need to hire a real estate forensic examination expert to work in collaboration with the District Attorney's Office to identify fraudulent elements of foreclosure documents that would be necessary to lead to successful prosecutions in Monterey County.

INCREASING AWARENESS AND COMMUNICATION

Awareness of this issue and pressure to motivate change could start by simply talking about it. It was discovered that the Monterey County District Attorney's Office participates in at least two discussion groups [Tri-County Task Force and the California Consumer Protection Northern (Berkeley) Roundtable.] The newly forming Tri-County Task Force is comprised of government and private sector lawyers, realtors, lenders, title officers, notaries public and other professionals involved with real estate transactions. The Berkeley Roundtable group consists of members of the Office of the Attorney General, prosecutors and investigators from numerous District Attorneys' Offices located throughout central and northern California, and regularly invited guest speakers from a variety of state agencies, including the Department of Business Oversight, the Department of Consumer Affairs, the Bureau of Real Estate and the Contractor's State Licensing Board.

The San Francisco Recorder's office has instituted a referral website, HomeownershipSF.org, in San Francisco as a support for citizens of the city and county to seek help in negotiating the potential problems confronting homeowners faced with foreclosure. The Monterey County District Attorney's website has a link to Real Estate Fraud as they do for several other topics. This new link should make it easier for the public to access a means of communicating similar real estate concerns. (http://www.co.monterey.ca.us/da/real-estate-fraud.htm).

FINDINGS

- **F1.** Monterey County land records contain robo-signatures.
- **F2.** Monterey County has no system in place to identify robo-signatures.
- **F3.** Monterey County Recorder's Office is mandated to record all documents that appear valid on their face.
- **F4.** Monterey County collects \$9 per document not requiring a documentary transfer tax for the Real Estate Fraud Prosecution Trust Fund.
- **F5.** California Penal Code section115.5 provides for statutory penalties up to \$75,000 for filing with the County Recorder fraudulent documents relating to the title of or security interest in real property.
- **F6.** Real estate fraud concerns can be shared locally and statewide by the District Attorney's Office participation in legal network groups.

- **F7.** Audits have spurred other states and counties to aggressively pursue and protect their residents against Real Estate Fraud.
- **F8.** Monterey County District Attorney's Prosecution Fraud website does list a Real Estate Fraud Division: http://www.co.monterey.ca.us/da/real-estate-fraud.htm.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- **R1.** Monterey County District Attorney's Office use its Real Estate Fraud Prosecution Trust Fund budget to immediately consult with a Certified Mortgage Fraud and Forensic Document Analyst to begin a land records audit.
- **R2.** Monterey County District Attorney's Office pursue an increase for the Real Estate Fraud Prosecution Trust Fund fee to \$10 per document, if needed, to fund the cost of a forensic examination.
- **R3.** Monterey County District Attorney's Office, in cooperation with the Monterey County Recorder's Office, immediately create/obtain a current list of known robo-signers.
- **R4.** The Monterey County Recorder's Office and the Monterey County District Attorney's Office work together to identify means by which fraudulent robo-signed documents can be identified early by the County and reported to the District Attorney.
- **R5.** Monterey County District Attorney's Office research other jurisdictions' developing best practices that can be adapted to Monterey County to ensure land record documents are factually valid.
- **R6.** The Monterey County District Attorney's Office inform the developing Tri-County Task Force and the California Consumer Protection, Northern ("Berkeley") Roundtable group about issues in land records at their next meetings.
- **R7.** Update the Monterey County District Attorney's website to provide resources to homeowners and reflect changes in law and procedures regarding suspected fraud in land records.

RESPONSES REQUIRED

Pursuant to Penal Code § 933.05, the MCCGJ requests responses to all Findings and Recommendations R2 and R3 from the following governing body:

Monterey County Board of Supervisors

Pursuant to Penal Code § 933.05, the MCCGJ requests responses to all Findings and Recommendations from the following elected officials:

- Monterey County District Attorney
- Monterey County Assessor/County Clerk/Recorder (R3 and R4 only)

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Southern Essex District Registry of Deeds filing examples

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Appendices A and B are a list of known robo-signer and just a few Monterey County land records with these robo-signers. The names on the list and their signatures are circled.

This document was generated for Southern Essex District Registry of Deeds and can be found at:

http://dtc-systems.net/2012/01/southern-essex-registry-deeds-robo-signers-list/

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The Massachusetts Southern Essex Registry of Deeds provides a list of the robo-signers identified by McDonnell Property Analytics.

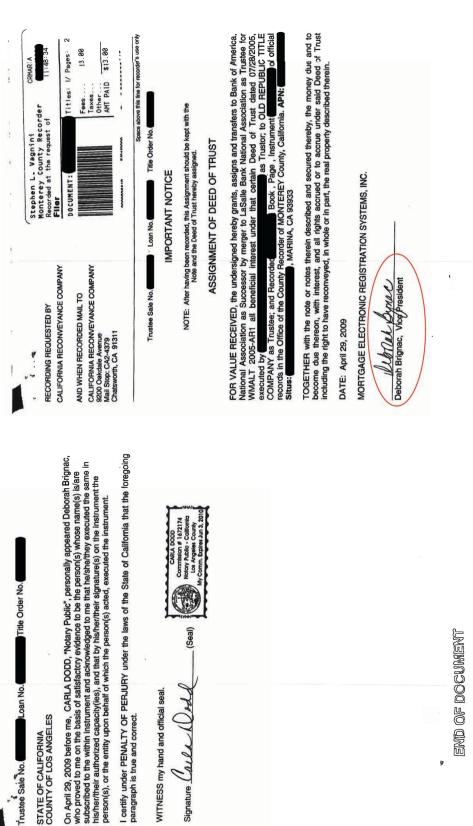
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Last name

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The list of robo-signers is as follows:



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WITNESS my hand and official seal.

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Title Order No.

Trustee Sale No.

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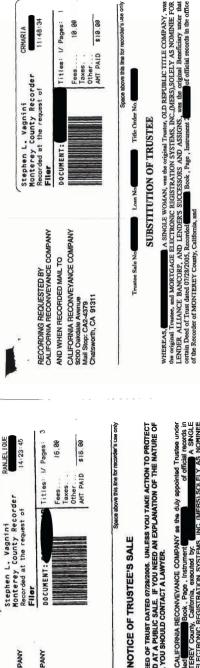
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Now, THEREFORE, the undersigned Beneficiary hereby substitutes CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY, 9200 Oako Aveture CA2-4379, Chatsworth, CA 91311, as Trustee of Said Deed of Trust.

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES



CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY 9200 Oskdale Avenue Mail Stop: CA2-4379 Chatsworth, CA 91311 800-892-6902

Trustee Sale No. Loan No. Title Order No.

Recording Requested By

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CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY

AND WHEN RECORDED MAIL TO

YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 07729200S. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR REOPERTY, IT MAY BE SOID AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LANYER.

On 08/24/2009 at 10:00 AM, CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Dead of Trust Recorded The Page. Instrument of Company of Company

APN: (Struct. Struct. Missing Association as Successor by mager 10.248th Bank National Association as Trustee for WHEREAS, Bank of America, National Association as Trustee for WHEREAS, Bank of America, National Association as Trustee for WHEREAS, the undersigned desires to substitute a new Trustee under said Doed of Trust in the place of and stead of said original WHEREAS, the undersigned desires to substitute a new Trustee under said Doed of Trust in the place of and stead of said original

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AS SHOWN ON MAP ENTITLED, TO SHOWN ON MAP ENTITLED, THE COUNTY RECORDER OF MONTEREY COUNTY, IN VOLUME TOTTLES AND M ONE-HALF INTEREST IN OIL AND MINERAL RIGHTS AS RESERVED IN THE DEED FROM IN VOLUME PAGE DOTFICIAL Legal Description:
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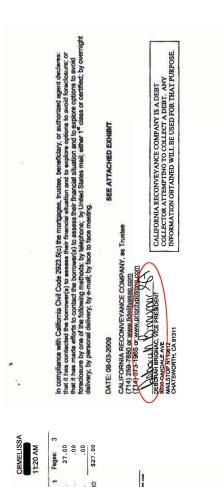
Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$

Street address and other common designation of the real property:

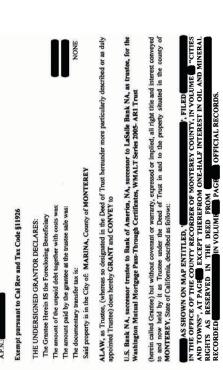
The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is." MARINA, CA 93933 APN Number:

l certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct

On April 29, 2009 before me, CARLA DODD, "Notary Public" personally appeared Deborah Brigase
, who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory reletance to be the personally whose among by siver subserbed to the within instant and sokrowledged to me that bushelshings received the same in his/her/their authorized expacit/yeles), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity unon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.



Stephen L. Vagnini
Monterey County Recorder
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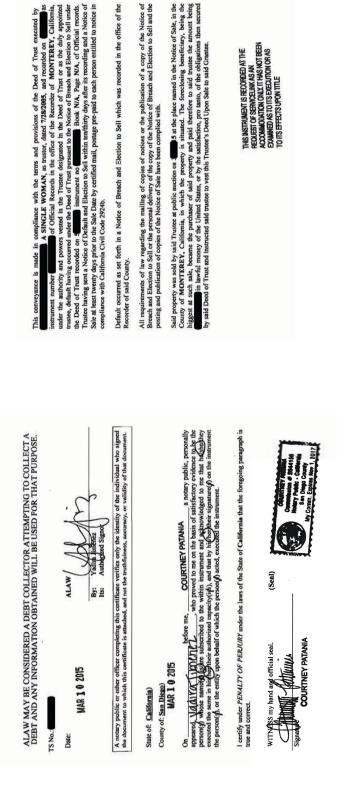


Trustee's Deed Upon Sale

Forward tax statements to the address given above

And when recorded mail to: Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc. 3815 S.W. Temple Salt Lake City, UT 84115-4412

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Fees.... 12.88 Taxes... Other... AMT PAID \$12.88 Titles: 1/ Pages: Space above this line for recorder's use only Stephen L. Vagnini Monterey County Recorder Recorded at the request of Title Order No DOCUMENT: Filer A Loan No. Trustee Sale No. AND WHEN RECORDED MAIL TO TICOR TITLE RECORDING REQUESTED BY Same as below OneWest Bank, F.S.B. Foreclosure Department 888 East Walnut Street Pasadena, CA 91101

ASSIGNMENT OF DEED OF TRUST

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the undersigned hereby grants, assigns and transfers to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company as Trustee for ALIANCE 2007-OA1 all beneficial interest under that certa Deed of Trust dated 10-25-2006, executed by HUSBAND RESPECT WITH RIGHT OF SURVIVORSHIP, as Trust HUSBAND AND WIFE AS COMMUNITY PROPERTY WITH RIGHT OF SURVIVORSHIP, as Trust FIRST AMERICAN TITLE as Trustees; and Recorded

TOGETHER with the note or notes therein described and secured thereby, the money due and to become due thereon, with interest, and all rights accrued or to accrue under said Deed of Trust including the right to have reconveyed, in whole or in part, the real property described therein.

DATE: 11-19-2009

MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR ALLIANCE BANCORP

STATE OF Texas COUNTY OF THE Brian Burnett

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county, personally appeared
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proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person(s) whose name(s) Is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that helshelfthey executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument. before me, And Mill hill

Notary Public Mand for said County and State WITNESS my hand and officially Among Co.

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DECLARATION PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA CIVIL CODE SECTION 2923.54

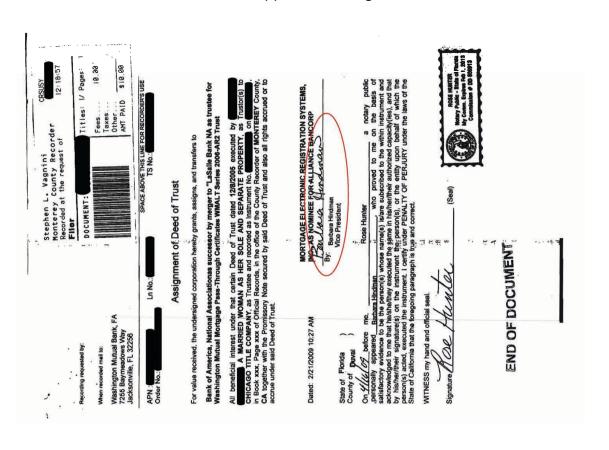
Pursuant to California Civil Code Section 2923.54, the undersigned loan servicer declares as follows:

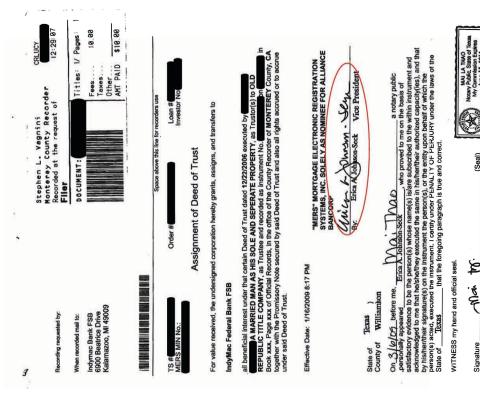
- It has obtained from the commissioner a final or temporary order of exemption pursuant to Section 2923.54 that is current and valid on the date the notice of sale is filled; and
- The timeframe for giving notice of sale specified in subdivision (a) of Section 2923.52 does not apply pursuant to Section 2923.52 or Section 2923.55.

JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association

Name: Ann Thom Title: First Vice President

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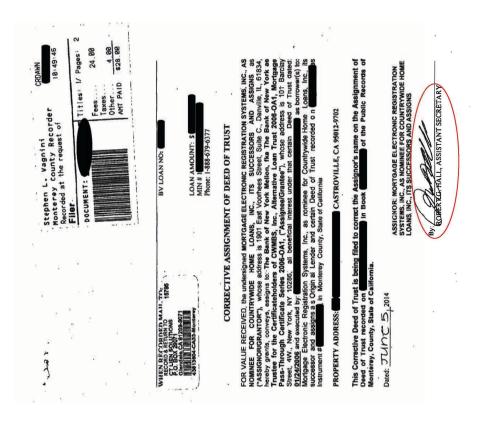


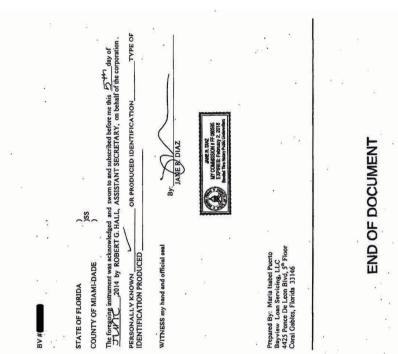


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Signature

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SHETLAND PARK
45 CONGRESS STREET
SUITE 4100
SALEM, MASSACHUSETTS 01970

A division of the Secretary of the Commonwealth WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN, SECRETARY

This is to advise you that the document submitted by your office has been recorded in the Southern Essex District Registry of Deeds at Book , Page .

Please also be advised, that I have forwarded a copy of this document to the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office for review as to whether or not there is a possible violation of the Crime Against Property Statute, specifically MGL Chapter 266, Section 35A (b) (4) that provides that:

"Whoever intentionally: files of causes to be filed with a registrar of deeds any document that contains a material statement that is false or a material omission, knowing such document to contain a material statement that is false or a material omission, shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for not more than 5 years or by imprisonment in the house of correction for not more than 2 and one-half years or by a fine of not more than \$10,000 in the case of a natural person or not more than \$100,000 in the case of any other person, or by both such fine and maprisonment."

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Please be advised that this Registry intends to work diligently with not only the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office, but also with other regulatory agencies to ensure that the real property documents recorded here are not fraudulent and do not effect the homeowners of Essex County in an adverse way.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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RE: Request for Recording of

(the "Recording")

Enclosed please find your Recording. Based upon the fact that it is signed by a number of known robo-signers, I am returning it to you. I will record it upon receipt of a signed affidavit, a copy of which I attach hereto (the "Affidavit"). The Affidavit must be signed under the pains and penalties of perjury that the Recording is accurate and the signatures of both the signatory on the Recording and notary public's signature are authentic. As I am sure you are aware, MGL Chapter 266, Section 35A (b) (4) provides that:

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Once the Affidavit is prepared and notarized, please forward it and your Recording to my attention with a recording fee of \$75 for each document, so in this case \$150 and I will make sure the documents are put on record forthwith.

As the Register of Deeds for the Southern Essex District of Massachusetts and the keeper of the records, I am very concerned with some lenders business practices and how they may affect homeowner's chains of title. I truly believe in the integrity of the land recordation system. Thank you for your attention to this important matter

Sincerely,

John O'Brien Register of Deeds Southern Essex District

Affidavit in Support of Filing
I, ("Declarant"), am a resident of, County of, State of, and do hereby certify, swear or affirm, and declare that I am competent to give the following declaration based on my personal knowledge, and that the following facts and things are true and correct:
1. I am attorney duly licensed to practice law and in good standing in
2. I am representing (the "Client").
3. This Affidavit is in support of the following recording:
4. The purpose of the underlying filing(s) is/are:
5. I have personally communicated on or about _[date] with an employee or employees of the Client, whose names are, who (A) personally reviewed the documents being submitted for filling, (B) personally reviewed all required supporting documentation of corporate and personal authority ("Supporting Documents"), and (C) confirmed the accuracy of all documents and authenticity of all signatures, including the notary.
6. I have received and reviewed all Supporting Documentation.
 Based on such communications, review of documents and my own personal inquiry into the Client's past and current standards and practices, I affirm that underlying filing(s) contain no false or questionable statements of fact or law.
8. Should any of the statements made herein be incorrect and the Recording corrupt or cloud the homeowner's chain of title, I will indemnify and hold anyone in the chain thereafter harmless.
PROPERTY ADDRESS:
9. I am fully aware of and understand M.G.L. c. 266 § 35A.
Signed under pains and penalties of perjury.
WITNESS my signature this day of 20
Signature of Declarant
On this day of, 20, before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared, and proved to me through satisfactory evidence of identification, which was, to be the person who signed the preceding or attached document in my presence, and who swore or affirmed to me that the contents of the document are truthful and accurate to the best of (his) (her) knowledge and belief.
Notary Public: My commission expires: _ (Official signature and seal of notary)