



Security 1st Title

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WIRE FRAUD ALERT

IMPORTANT! YOUR FUNDS MAY BE AT RISK

****SECURITY 1ST TITLE DOES NOT SEND WIRE INSTRUCTIONS UNLESS REQUESTED****

This Alert is not intended to provide legal or professional advice. If you have any questions, please consult with a lawyer. Realtors®, Real Estate Brokers, Title Companies, Closing Attorneys, Buyers and Sellers are targets for fraudsters to gain access to information for the purpose of wire fraud schemes. Many homebuyers have lost hundreds of thousands of dollars because they simply relied on the wire instructions received via email, without further verification.

A fraudster will hack into a participant's email account to obtain information about upcoming real estate transactions. After monitoring the account to determine the likely timing of a closing, the fraudster will send an email to the Buyer purporting to be the escrow agent or another party to the transaction. The fraudulent email will contain wiring instructions or routing information, and will request that the Buyer send funds to an account controlled by the fraudster.

Security 1st Title does not require your funds to be wired. We accept certified checks. If you prefer to wire, you must contact us by phone to request our wire instructions. We will give them verbally or send via SECURED email. After receipt, if you receive another email or unsolicited call purporting to alter these instructions please disregard and immediately contact us.

*****Closing funds in the form of ACH Electronic Transfers will NOT be accepted*****

In addition, the following non-exclusive self-protection strategies are recommended to minimize exposure to possible wire fraud.

- NEVER RELY on emails or other communications purporting to change wire instructions. Parties to a transaction rarely change wire instructions in the course of a transaction.
- DO NOT FORWARD wire instructions to any other parties.
- ALWAYS VERIFY WIRE INSTRUCTIONS, specifically the ABA routing number and account number, by calling the party who is receiving the funds.
- DO NOT use the phone number provided in the email containing the instructions, use phone numbers you have called before or can otherwise verify with a phone directory.
- DO NOT send an email to verify as the email address may be incorrect or the email may be intercepted by the fraudster.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT – YOU MUST SIGN BELOW

Your signature below acknowledges receipt of this Wire Fraud Alert.

<u>Cherie K. Hanson</u>	<u>10/8/2020</u>		
Buyer/Seller	Date	Buyer/Seller	Date

For more information on wire-fraud scams or to report an incident, please refer to the following links:

Federal Bureau of Investigation:
<http://www.fbi.gov>

Internet Crime Complaint Center:
<http://www.ic3.gov>