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## LIVINGSTON COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS ALERTING CITIZENS OF POTENTIAL SCAM THREATENING BOGUS IRS LIENS

Brandon Denby, Livingston County Register of Deeds, is making citizens aware of phony threats received by mail concerning IRS liens against their property because of back due income taxes.

Individuals in our area have recently received notices by “tax solution experts” reminding people of liens the taxpayer supposedly are already aware of. The notices received also warn that these liens are recorded in our county court house and they are offering their assistance to help with debt relief.

The letters received listed a dollar amount owed, one over \$22,000.00, related to the homeowner’s 1040 filing and recorded on July 17, 2018. Upon research at the Register of Deeds Office, no such lien was filed, the homeowner specified he did not file using a 1040 form and his name was spelled incorrectly on each company’s forms.

If residents receive any unexpected, disturbing correspondence concerning money owed to the IRS by unknown sources, follow the guidelines below.

For anyone who doesn’t owe taxes and has no reason to think they do:

1. Do not give out any information. Hang up immediately.
2. Contact the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration to report the call. Use IRS Impersonation Scam Reporting web page. Alternatively call 800-366-4484.
3. Report it to the Federal Trade Commission. Use the FTC Complaint Assistant on FTC.gov. Please add “IRS Telephone Scam” in the notes.

For anyone who owes taxes or thinks they do:

1. View tax accountant information online at IRS.gov to see the actual amount you owe. Then view payment options.
2. Call the number on the billing notice, or call the IRS at 800 -829-1040. IRS workers can assist you.

You can check for recorded liens against your property in Livingston County anytime on our website at [livgov.com](http://livgov.com) and chose search deeds option or call 517-546-0270 with concerns about recorded documents pertaining to your property.

