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***BUCKS COUNTY REGISTER OF WILLS AND CLERK OF THE ORPHANS' COURT ISSUES  
CONSUMER ALERT FOR PARTIES REQUESTING MARRIAGE CERTIFICATIONS.***

BUCKS COUNTY, PA – Don Petrille, Bucks County Register of Wills and Clerk of the Orphans' Court issued a consumer alert to citizens needing certified copies of marriage licenses and other documentation. Many for-profit information scraping companies are charging upwards of five times the amount our office charges for direct requests. While there is nothing illegal about these services, the Clerk of the Orphans' Court wants consumers to save money by requesting their legal documents directly. Direct requests are also quicker and more secure.

Don Petrille, Clerk of the Orphans' Court stated, "The requirements of Pennsylvania's REAL ID have caused an uptick in marriage certification requests. Information scraping companies bank on citizens not knowing they can contact their government offices directly. Providing marriage certifications is routine business for all Clerks of the Orphans' Court in Pennsylvania. Third party companies do not provide their customers any additional value for their fees. Many of these companies have poor online reviews, with reports of consumers being unable to contact them after paying non-refundable fees, and other reports of customers being denied the public, legal information they need. Some companies even request unnecessary, private personal information which they share with others, increasing their profits on the transaction."

A marriage certificate can easily be requested directly from our office by mail, email at [orphanscourt@buckscounty.org](mailto:orphanscourt@buckscounty.org) visiting our office, or calling 215-348-6265. The fee is \$20 per a copy and checks can be made payable to "Clerk of the Orphans' Court." The only information required is both names on the application, and the date of marriage. Including a self-addressed, stamped envelope will expedite the process.

The office of Register of Wills and Clerk of the Orphans Court is responsible for admitting wills to probate, appointing administrators of intestate estates, collecting inheritance taxes on behalf of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, issuing marriage licenses and processing filings involving estate disputes, incapacitated persons and adoptions. Don Petrille has served in the office since 2012.

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