What is land fraud?
Land fraud is the deliberate act of falsifying information on transactions such as deeds, mortgages, or appraisals for personal gain or to damage another individual.

How do I know if I am a victim of land fraud?
It only takes a few minutes of your time to ensure that you have not been a victim of land fraud. The Greenville County Register of Deeds offers to-the-minute information on our website. This public website allows you to access the current records at any given time. Simply follow these steps to ensure that you have not been a victim of land fraud.

1. Go directly to the Register of Deeds’ website search: rod.greenvillecounty.org.
2. Click “I Accept” at the bottom of the Welcome screen.
3. Click “Search Real Estate Index” in the menu on the left.
4. Type in your name starting with your last name, a space, and then your first name (example: Smith John)
5. All documents recorded under your name from 1990 to the present will appear (please keep in mind that there may be others with the same name).
6. You can identify your property using the information given across the rows (date filed, name, and legal description).
7. If you would like to view the actual document, click the icon to the far right of the row that looks similar to a piece of paper.

What should I do if I have been victimized?
Immediately contact your local police and inform them of your situation. You may also want to contact an attorney for legal assistance.

Like all other forms of fraud, preventing and prosecuting land fraud is a perpetual war between an honest citizenry and a fringe of the dishonest and unscrupulous.~ Property Records Industry Association