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Lee County Court Records can now be e-certified

FORT MYERS, FL (Oct. 21, 2020) – Lee County citizens can now get their court records certified from the convenience of their cell phone or home computer. The new service produces electronically certified documents, such as final judgments, dispositions, and court orders. At this time the service is not available for Official Records documents.

“Now customers don’t have to wait for a paper document to be stamped and mailed, which could take days to receive,” said Linda Doggett, Lee County Clerk of Courts. “This service is especially important to those who need to quickly receive a certified copy of a document in a court file, for example to prove to employers or landlords that they have fulfilled their court obligations. You can access the system 24/7 wherever you are in the world.”

The e-certified documents help combat fraud by producing secure, encrypted PDF documents emailed to the customer. It is safer to accept than a stamped document and can be reused as many times as needed, unlike the stamped paper certifications.

Customers can purchase e-certified court records for \$8 each through the Clerk’s Court Records Inquiry website, matrix.LeeClerk.org. Each e-certified document may take up to five minutes to produce before being emailed. The records are available to download for up to 30 days after the purchase is made.

Certain confidential documents not available online may still be e-certified upon request by contacting the Clerk’s office. Wet stamped or embossed seal certified documents will be furnished on request for exemplified packets, historical or non-digitized public records and for those agencies that do not yet accept electronically certified documents.

For more information, visit LeeClerk.org.

ABOUT THE CLERK’S OFFICE:

The Florida Constitution established the Clerk of the Circuit Court as a public trustee, responsible for safeguarding public records and public funds. Clerk Linda Doggett is directly elected by and accountable to Lee County residents. In addition to the role of Clerk of the Circuit Court, the Clerk is the County Recorder and Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, and the Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer and Auditor for Lee County.