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HOOVER RESIDENTS ARRESTED AS PART OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITIES SCHEME

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA (December 14, 2005) District Attorney Gary L McAliley, 12th Judicial Circuit in Alabama and Director Joseph P. Borg, Alabama Securities Commission announced the indictment and arrest of Hoover, Alabama area residents, Michael L. Von Kanel, Teresa H. Von Kanel and Douglas Handley on multiple counts for the sale of unregistered securities, the sale of securities by an unregistered agent, and securities fraud. The defendants were arrested on December 9th and held in the Hoover City jail and later transported to Coffee County jail pending a bond hearing. The defendants are allegedly involved in complex international securities schemes and fraudulent actions, which also involves use of the internet.

The indictment resulted from a November 2005 session of the Coffee County Grand Jury and alleged that from December 2000 to January 2002, Michael Von Kanel, Teresa Von Kanel and Douglas Handley offered and sold securities to residents of Coffee County, Alabama described as Cash Flow Agreements of World Wide Wall Street (WWW) for a real estate development in Nassau, Bahamas. The indictment alleged that none of the securities sold were registered for sale in Alabama and none of the defendants were registered as agents to sell securities in Alabama. These violations of the Alabama Securities Act are punishable as Class C felonies. In addition, defendant Michael Von Kanel is charged with making untrue statements and failing to disclose material facts to the investors identified in this case.

ALLEGED OFFERINGS RAISED MONEY: One of the securities offered was supposed to buy into a new international telephone technology that had a digital switching system which would make global telephone calls considerably cheaper. Another program called the Ecclesia Project involved real estate investment contracts for land development in Nassau, Bahamas. The land in Nassau, Bahamas was tied up in legal litigation at the time of the offer.

The indictment was the result of a joint investigation conducted by the Alabama Securities Commission and the Coffee County District Attorney's office. The investigation into this case is continuing. Arrests were made with the assistance of the Hoover Alabama Police Department. Director Borg complimented and thanked the Hoover Police Department and District Attorney Gary McAliley's office for their commitment to the investigation and the prosecution of international financial schemes.

The Director of the Alabama Securities Commission (ASC) cautions potential investors to thoroughly check out any investment opportunity. Contact ASC for inquiries regarding securities broker-dealers, agents, investment advisors, investment advisor representatives, financial planners, the registration status of securities, to report suspected fraud, or obtain consumer information:

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(Note: An indictment itself is not evidence that the defendants committed the crimes charged. The defendants are presumed innocent until the Government meets its burden in court of proving guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.)

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