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### **Three Orange County, California Residents Arrested for Alleged Alabama Securities Law Violations**

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA (February 5, 2008) The Honorable Robert E. Owens, Jr., District Attorney for the 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Shelby County, Alabama; and, the Honorable Joseph Borg, Director of the Alabama Securities Commission (ASC), announce the arrests of Stanley H. Johnson, 50; Easter L. Johnson, 45; and, Natalie A. Romo, 27, all residents of Orange County, California, for alleged violations of the Alabama Securities Act.

On January 30, 2008, the Orange County, California Sheriff's Department, Criminal Investigations Division, Economic Crimes Detail with the assistance of ASC Enforcement Agents served arrest warrants, obtained by the ASC, on the Johnsons and Romo. Stanley and Easter Johnson are the alleged principals of Advance Body Imaging and Romo a sales agent for the company, located in Orange County, California. The arrests stemmed from indictments handed down in the January 2008 session of the Shelby County Grand Jury.

Stanley Johnson, Easter Johnson and Natalie Romo were charged with one count each of Sale of Unregistered Securities, while Stanley Johnson and Romo were both charged with Sale of Securities by an Unregistered Agent. Additionally, the Johnsons were charged with two counts each of Securities Fraud. All charges are Class C felonies under Alabama law. The three were taken into custody and placed in the Orange County, California jail to await extradition proceedings.

Indictments allege that the Johnsons attempted to raise capital to fund the business and employed Romo to help solicit investments from residents in Alabama and other states. It is alleged that approximately \$3 million in capital was raised nationwide to fund Advance Body Imaging, and some of the money was purportedly used by the three for personal or unrelated business expenses.

"We wish to thank the Orange County, California Sheriff's Department and all law enforcement officials involved for their outstanding professional assistance," Borg said. "The teamwork exhibited by law enforcement agencies and court officials should send a clear and convincing message to those that would defraud our citizens that their illegal actions will not be tolerated."

The ASC cautions potential investors to thoroughly scrutinize and research any investment opportunity or offer. Contact the ASC with inquiries concerning securities broker-dealers, agents, investment advisors, investment advisor representatives, financial planners, registration status of securities, to report suspected fraud or to obtain consumer information.

NOTE: The defendants are presumed innocent until the government meets its burden of proving guilt beyond a reasonable doubt in court.

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