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Madison County, Alabama Man Indicted, Arrested for Alleged Violations of Alabama Securities Act

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA (November 17, 2017) Robert L. Broussard, District Attorney for the 23rd Judicial Circuit, Madison County, Alabama; and Joseph Borg, Director of the Alabama Securities Commission (ASC) announced that Edwin Eugene Blalack, a Madison County resident, was arrested on November 14, 2017 by the Madison County Sheriff's Department for his alleged involvement in a securities fraud scheme. Blalack's arrest stems from a November, 2017 Madison County Grand Jury indictment charging him with 17 violations of the Alabama Securities Act. Blalack was subsequently released on a \$5,000 bond.

The Grand Jury indictment charged Blalack with seven counts of Fraud in Connection with the Sale of Securities, including: employing a device, scheme or artifice to defraud; making untrue statements of material facts or omitting to state a material fact; and engaging in an act, practice or course of business which operates or would operate as a fraud or deceit upon any person. Blalack was also charged with five counts of Sale of Unregistered Securities and five counts of Sale of Securities by an Unregistered Agent. The securities fraud charges are Class B felonies, punishable by possible imprisonment of from two to 20 years and up to a \$30,000 fine per charge upon conviction. The securities registration charges are Class C felonies, punishable by possible imprisonment of from one year and one day to 10 years and up to a \$15,000 fine per charge upon conviction.

The indictment of Blalack alleged illegal securities transactions involving the sale/ownership of "common stock" and/or "founders stock" in Trirox, Inc., a Delaware-registered corporation with a physical address in Huntsville, Alabama, to multiple investors. It was also alleged that Blalack misappropriated investors' funds for his personal benefit instead of investing said funds for the benefit of the company and its investors. ASC records revealed that Blalack was not registered with the Commission to lawfully offer and/or sell securities within, into or from Alabama as required by law.

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 advisers, investment adviser representatives, financial planners, registration status of securities or debt management programs, to report suspected fraud or to obtain consumer information. The ASC provides free investor education and fraud prevention materials in print, on our website and through educational presentations upon request.

For further information contact Dan Lord, Education and Public Affairs Manager, 334-353-4858.

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(NOTE: An arrest or indictment is not evidence that the defendant committed the crime(s) charged. The defendant is presumed innocent until the government meets its burden of proving guilt beyond reasonable doubt in court).

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