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## **HOOVER RESIDENT ARRESTED AGAIN FOR ALLEDGED INVOLVEMENT IN AN INTERNATIONAL SECURITIES SCHEME**

**MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA** (January 25, 2006) District Attorney Arthur Green, 10th Judicial Circuit (Bessemer Cutoff) in Alabama, Director Joseph P. Borg, Alabama Securities Commission and Attorney General Troy King announce the arrest of Hoover, Alabama resident Michael L. Von Kanel on January 24, 2006, for six indictments comprised of 90 counts in violation of the Alabama Securities Act.

Von Kanel turned himself in at the Bessemer County Sheriff's Department and was bonded out for \$130,000. Von Kanel allegedly was involved in illegal security transactions with the following entities:

SMD Automotive Group, Inc., an automotive offering: (5 counts) Sale of Unregistered Securities; (6 counts) Sale of Securities by Unregistered Agent or Dealer; (16 counts) Fraud in Connection with the Sale of Securities.

Sojkara "Cash Flow Agreement", a telecommunications offering: (3 counts) Sale of Unregistered Securities.

Globalaxs "Cash Flow Participation Agreement", a telecommunications offering: (4 counts) Sale of Unregistered Securities and (1 count) Sale Securities by Unregistered Agent or Dealer.

Ecclesia Bridge Loan Program, a land investment offering: (7 counts) Fraud in Connection with the Sale of Securities; (3 counts) Sale of Unregistered Securities; (1 count) Sale of Securities by Unregistered Agent or Dealer.

Pro Maine Enterprises or Pro Maine Escrow Agreement, an automobile related offering: (10 counts) Fraud in Connection with the Sale of Securities; (3 counts) Sale of Unregistered Securities; (1 count) Sale of Securities by Unregistered Agent or Dealer.

Crosslander Auto Sales & Marketing, Inc., Inc., an automobile related offering: (8 counts) Sale of Unregistered Securities (1 count) Sale of Securities by Unregistered Agent or Dealer; (17 counts) Fraud in Connection with the Sale of Securities.

These indictments resulted from a January 2006 session of Bessemer County Grand Jury. This is an ongoing investigation concerning international securities schemes. This combined effort includes the Alabama Securities Commission, the District Attorney's Office for Bessemer, the Attorney General's Office and other state and federal enforcement agencies. This case is related to Von Kanel's previous arrest and the arrest of Mervish and Pier in Miami, Fl on January 23, 2006.

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[See previous ASC releases at the following website addresses:]

<http://www.asc.state.al.us/News/2006%20News/01-23-06PierMervishArrest.pdf>

<http://www.asc.state.al.us/News/2005%20News/12-12-05VonKanelArrest.pdf>

Any Alabama resident who holds a contract, note or other investments with any of the mentioned entities or individuals are asked to call the Alabama Securities Commission, Enforcement Division, at 1-800-222-1253.

(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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