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Willie Joe and Linda D. Phillips Arrested for Alleged Violations of Alabama Securities Act

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA (September 21, 2007) The Honorable Ellen I. Brooks, District Attorney for the 15th Judicial Circuit, Montgomery County, Alabama; and, Honorable Joseph P. Borg, Director of the Alabama Securities Commission (ASC), announce the arrests of Willie Joe Phillips and Linda D. Phillips, residents of Montgomery, Alabama, for alleged violations of the Alabama Securities Act. The Phillips were taken into custody September 19, 2007 by deputies of the Montgomery County Sheriff's Department.

The Phillips were indicted by a Montgomery County Grand Jury on August 10, 2007 and charged with two counts each of the Sale of Unregistered Securities and Sale of Securities by an Unregistered Agent, eight counts of Omission/Misrepresentation in the Sale of Securities and four counts of Securities Fraud. The charges are all Class C felonies under Alabama law.

The indictments allege that the Phillips offered and sold unregistered securities, specifically, promissory notes, of Jayel Accounting Consultants, Inc., an accounting and tax service business serving Montgomery and the surrounding area. Further, the Phillips allegedly failed to disclose material facts and made false statements to investors. The Phillips allegedly used a portion of the investor funds for personal benefit and expenses. The Phillips' activities led to the solicitation of approximately \$45,000 from local victims.

The Director of 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, the registration status of securities, to report suspected fraud or to obtain consumer information.

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

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