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**Arizona Man Arrested for Alleged Alabama Securities Act Violations**

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA (Jan. 22, 2014) Brandon K. Falls, District Attorney for the 10th Judicial Circuit, Jefferson County, Alabama; and Joseph Borg, Director of the Alabama Securities Commission (ASC) announced that Donald Leroy Jenkins, (age 65) and a resident of Prescott, Arizona was arrested Jan. 13, 2014 for alleged violations of the Alabama Securities Act. Jenkins was apprehended by law enforcement authorities in San Diego, California, based on indictments returned by the Dec., 2013 Jefferson County Grand Jury. Jenkins is currently being held on a \$30,000 bond, pending extradition to Alabama.

Charges against Jenkins include two counts each of Sale of Unregistered Securities; and Sale of Securities by an Unregistered Agent. Additionally, Jenkins is charged with four counts of Fraud in Connection with the Sale of Securities, more specifically described as omitting to state material facts, making untrue statements of material facts and engaging in an act, practice or course of business which operated as a fraud or deceit upon a person. All charges are Class C Felonies, punishable by a maximum of 10 years imprisonment and a \$15,000 charge for each count, upon conviction.

The indictment alleges that Jenkins acting as agent for an out of state company, offered an investment contract for an entity, Arizona Gold Corporation, in Yavapai County, Arizona. A review of ASC registration records indicates that neither Jenkins nor his company are registered to conduct securities business within, into or from Alabama, as required by the Alabama Securities Act. The indictment further alleges that Jenkins did engage in an act, practice, or course of business which operated as a fraud or deceit.

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.

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

(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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