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Lee County Man Convicted of Securities Violations Has Probation Revoked

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA (October 6, 2009) Nick Abbett, District Attorney for the 37th Judicial Circuit, Lee County, Alabama; and, Joseph Borg, Director of the Alabama Securities Commission (ASC) announce that a probation revocation hearing was held in Lee County Circuit Court, September 29, 2009 to hear evidence that Michael James Dixon of Opelika, Alabama engaged in activities that violated the terms and conditions of his probation.

Dixon pled guilty earlier this year to violations of the Alabama Securities Act. A recommendation by the Lee County Probation Office, supported by the ASC, to have Dixon's probation revoked was accepted by the Court and an order was issued for his arrest in August 2009. Dixon was remanded into custody in the Lee County Detention Facility to begin serving the remainder of his ten year sentence.

Dixon was initially arrested by Lee County Sheriff's deputies on July 10, 2008 based on evidence obtained by ASC Enforcement Staff that he offered and sold an investment opportunity to a Florida resident through his Alabama-based company, HBM, L.L.C., and used the money received from the investor for personal use. At the time of his arrest, neither Dixon nor his company were registered with the ASC to offer or sell securities within, into or from Alabama, nor was the investment product he offered and sold licensed with the ASC, as required by Alabama law.

A seven count indictment was handed down by the Lee County Grand Jury in September 2008, charging Dixon with Sale of a Security by an Unregistered Agent, Sale of an Unregistered Security, Fraud in Connection With the Sale of a Security and Theft of Property, 1st Degree. In March 2009, Dixon pled guilty to two of the seven original charges and was sentenced to 10 years on each count, to be served concurrently, ordered to pay \$15,950 in victim restitution and placed on five years supervised probation. He served approximately a year in jail and was granted probation after being given credit for time served.

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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