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Former Montgomery County Man Sentenced for Securities Violations

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA (Mar. 27, 2012) Ellen Brooks, District Attorney for the 15th Judicial Circuit, Montgomery County, Alabama; and, Joseph P. Borg, Director of the Alabama Securities Commission (ASC) announced that Darren O’Neal Maull, formerly of Montgomery, now residing in Lawrenceville, Georgia, pled guilty in Montgomery County Circuit Court on Mar. 12, 2012 to a single count of Conspiracy to Sell Unregistered Securities. Maull appeared in Court Mar. 20, 2012 for sentencing and received a 12-month suspended sentence with the accompanying stipulation that he is barred from offering and/or selling securities within, into or from Alabama. Maull also made full restitution, totaling \$161,500, to 18 victims who had invested money in an alleged illegal investment offer he made between 2007 and 2009.

An investigation by ASC Enforcement Division agents resulted in a June 2011 Montgomery County Grand Jury indictment being returned against Maull, alleging illegal offers and sales of securities; specifically, stock shares in Maull’s companies, Intellimesh Inc., Intellimesh Systems, Inc., Smart Safe Cities, Inc., and Darren Maull, Inc. The business entities were listed as Nevada limited liability companies purportedly managed and operated by Maull in the Montgomery County, Alabama area. The investigation revealed that Maull had allegedly solicited investor funds to support “wireless communication technology that would enhance emergency response communication,” as well as start-up costs, installation of wireless technology and continued research and development of the technology. Investors claimed they did not receive requested financial statements and supporting documentation from Maull on the technology’s performance which led to the issuance by the ASC of a Cease and Desist order to Maull and his companies in Oct., 2009. The ASC investigation discovered that Maull allegedly provided inadequate and incomplete information to investigators regarding the securities offered and sold to investors and that neither he nor his companies were registered with the ASC to conduct securities business in Alabama.

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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