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Louisiana Man Arrested for Second Time for Alleged Violations of Alabama Securities Act

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA (April 12, 2016) Hallie S. Dixon, District Attorney for the 28th Judicial Circuit, Baldwin County, Alabama; and Joseph Borg, Director of the Alabama Securities Commission (ASC) announced that Bruce Alexander Gwyn of Metairie, Louisiana was arrested by the Baldwin County, Alabama Sheriff's office following an indictment by a February, 2016 session of the Baldwin County Grand Jury in connection with alleged violations of the Alabama Securities Act. Gwyn turned himself in to Baldwin County Sheriff's office on April 5, 2016 and was released on a \$15,000 bond.

Gwyn was charged with two counts of Fraud in Connection with the sale of Securities; specifically, making untrue statements of material facts or omitting to state a material fact; and employing a device, scheme or artifice to defraud. The fraud charges are Class B felonies, carrying a possible sentence ranging from two to 20 years' incarceration and not more than a \$30,000 fine per charge, upon conviction. Additionally, the indictment charged Gwyn with two counts of Sale of Securities by an Unregistered Agent. The securities registration charges are Class C felonies, punishable from one year and a day to 10 years' imprisonment and not more than a \$15,000 fine per charge, upon conviction. The indictment alleges that Gwyn offered and sold securities, described as limited partnership interests in Level III Trading Partners, L.P., as well as shares of stock in Treaty Energy Corporation ("TECO") to Alabama investors. Gwyn allegedly pooled investor funds in an account held or controlled by him and failed to use investor funds as represented, instead using funds to pay other investors, make unauthorized investments, or for unrelated expenses or liabilities.

The new charges against Gwyn are in addition to those that resulted in his prior arrest in Baldwin County in September, 2015, which resulted from the August, 2015 session of the Baldwin County Grand Jury. The earlier indictment charged Gwyn with five alleged securities violations related to Level III Trading Partners, L.P. Gwyn turned himself in to Baldwin County Officials on September 18, 2015, was released on a \$20,000 bond and was required to surrender his passport.

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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(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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