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**Warren, Michigan Man Pleads Guilty to Conspiracy to Commit Securities Fraud**

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA (April 20, 2017), Danny Carr, District Attorney Pro Tem for the 10th Judicial District, Jefferson County, Alabama; and Joseph Borg, Director of the Alabama Securities Commission (ASC) announced that on April 11, 2017, before Circuit Court Judge Clyde E. Jones, Robert Craig Rudder, of Warren, Michigan, plead guilty to one count of Conspiracy to Commit Securities Fraud, a Class C felony, punishable from one year and a day to 10 years' imprisonment and a \$15,000 fine per charge upon conviction. The Alabama Securities Commission recommended a sentence of three years imprisonment with conditions that Rudder fully cooperate with any further state or federal investigations, pay \$600,000 restitution and be permanently barred from any future work in the securities industry. Rudder made application for probation and remains in the Jefferson County Jail.

Rudder and his co-conspirators fraudulently solicited prospective investors to purchase shares of stock in Omega Pharmaceutical, Inc., a Birmingham company. Rudder further misled investors that their investments would produce immediate returns when his company, RCR Holdings, a Michigan corporation, would obtain funding to purchase Omega Pharmaceutical, Inc. An ASC Enforcement Division investigation revealed that, in fact, no company existed that would actually provide the funding.

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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