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Ocean Springs, Mississippi and Pensacola, Florida Men Sentenced in Montgomery County, Alabama for Violations of Alabama Securities Act

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA (June 16, 2014) Daryl Bailey, District Attorney for the 15th Judicial Circuit, Montgomery County, Alabama; and Joseph Borg, Director of the Alabama Securities Commission (ASC) announced that on June 10, 2014, Martin Franklin Blane of Ocean Springs, Mississippi; and Robert Neil Robinson of Pensacola, Florida, were sentenced by Montgomery County Circuit Court Judge, Eugene Reese, to five years in prison, suspended, with three years supervised probation, for violations of the Alabama Securities Act. The Court also ordered Blane to pay \$81,000 restitution; and ordered Robinson to pay \$185,520 restitution to victims.

A November 2013 Montgomery County Grand Jury indictment charged both defendants with violations of the Alabama Securities Act. Blane was subsequently arrested by the U.S. Marshal's Fugitive Task Force in Jackson County, Mississippi. Robinson was apprehended by the U.S. Marshal's Fugitive Task Force in Escambia County, Florida. The ASC's Enforcement Division investigation revealed that both Blane and Robinson sold shares of stock in Eyewonder, Inc., an Atlanta based company, to the victim investors. Ultimately, a third party involved in the sales, failed to transfer the shares to the victims who therefore received nothing in return for their investment. The ASC's investigation revealed that neither Blane nor Robinson were registered with the ASC to legally offer and/or sell securities into, within, or from Alabama, as required by law.

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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