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**Former Montgomery County Man Arrested for Securities Violations**

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA (July 14, 2011) Ellen Brooks, District Attorney for the 15th Judicial Circuit, Montgomery County, Alabama; and, Joseph P. Borg, Director of the Alabama Securities Commission (ASC) announced today that Darren O'Neal Maull, a current resident of Lawrenceville, Georgia and formerly of Montgomery, turned himself in to the Montgomery County Sheriff's Department on June 29, 2011 and was arrested for violations of the Alabama Securities Act. After processing, Maull was released on a \$10,000 bond.

Based upon an investigation by the ASC Enforcement Division, an indictment was returned against Maull by the June, 2011 session of the Montgomery County Grand Jury, alleging 21 counts of Sale of Unregistered Securities, three counts of Fraud in Connection with the Sale of Securities; and, a single count of Sale of Securities by an Unregistered Agent. The charges stem from alleged illegal offers and sales of shares of stock in Maull's companies, Intellimesh Incorporation, Intellimesh Systems, Inc., Smart Safe Cities, Inc., and, Darren Maull, Inc. These businesses are listed as Nevada limited liability companies allegedly managed and operated by Maull in the Montgomery, Alabama area.

The ASC investigation revealed that Maull allegedly solicited approximately \$159,500 from 13 Alabama and five out-of-state investors to invest in shares of stock in his companies to support "wireless communications technology that would enhance emergency response communication." Maull allegedly represented to investors that their funds would be used for such purposes as start-up costs, installation of the wireless technology and continued research and development of the technology. Further investigation discovered that investors complained of not receiving requested financial statements and other supporting documentation from Maull, which led to the issuance by the ASC of a Cease and Desist Order to Maull and his companies in October, 2009. In response, Maull allegedly provided inadequate and incomplete information to ASC investigators regarding the securities he allegedly sold to investors. The investigation alleged that Maull did not use investor funds as represented and that he failed to disclose this information to investors. A review of ASC records disclosed that neither Maull nor the companies he allegedly operated were registered with the ASC, as required by the Alabama Securities Act. Additionally, the securities Maull allegedly offered and sold to investors were not registered with the ASC, 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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(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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