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Huntsville, Alabama Man Indicted for Alabama Securities Act Violations

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA (July 18, 2014) Robert L. Broussard, District Attorney for the 23rd Judicial Circuit, Madison County, Alabama; and Joseph Borg, Director of the Alabama Securities Commission (ASC) announced that on July 14, 2014, Richard David Hall, a Huntsville, Alabama resident, was arrested by Madison County Sheriff's Department deputies and charged with violations of the Alabama Securities Act. Hall was transported to Madison County jail under a \$60,000 bond.

Hall's arrest stems from a June, 2014 Madison County Grand Jury indictment charging him with one count of Fraud in Connection with the Sale of Securities by employing a device, scheme or artifice to defraud; and three counts of Conspiracy to Commit Fraud in the Sale of a Security. At the time the offenses were allegedly committed, the Securities Fraud charge was a Class B felony under Alabama law, carrying a maximum possible punishment of from two to 20 years incarceration and a \$30,000 fine per charge, upon conviction. The Conspiracy charges are Class C felonies, carrying a maximum possible penalty of from one year and one day, to 10 years incarceration and not more than a \$15,000 fine per charge, upon conviction.

The indictment alleges that Hall and others fraudulently solicited investor funds to be used in a managed gold "buy-sell" program. ASC records also revealed that Hall was not registered with the ASC to legally conduct securities business in Alabama, as required by the Alabama Securities Act.

ASC Director, Joseph Borg acknowledged and thanked the Madison County Sheriff's Department for their assistance in apprehending the defendant and said that the ASC's Enforcement Division continues to investigate the case with the cooperation of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Birmingham.

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.

For further information contact Dan Lord, Education and Public Affairs Manager, 334-353-4858.

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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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