Lake County Resident Arrested, 
Indicted for Multiple Counts of Fraud and Theft

(PAINESVILLE, Ohio) – Kenneth M. Brugh, 73, was taken into custody last Thursday during a traffic stop in Lake County on an outstanding warrant issued in January. Brugh was indicted by a Lake County grand jury on multiple counts of fraud and theft, following a criminal referral by the Ohio Department of Commerce’s Division of Securities. The charges include:

- One count of engaging in a pattern of corrupt activity, a first-degree felony.
- Two counts of theft from the elderly, one being a second-degree felony and another being a third-degree felony.
- One count of telecommunications fraud, a second-degree felony.
- One count of securities fraud, a third-degree felony.
- One count of aggravated theft, a third-degree felony.

The indictment alleges Brugh solicited multiple Ohio residents and one Florida resident to invest in sham investments based on false and fraudulent information, and misappropriated the funds for personal use.

This case is being prosecuted by Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost’s Special Prosecution section.

Before investing, the Division of Securities encourages potential investors to call the Division’s Investor Protection Hotline at 877-683-7841 to ask:

- Is the brokerage firm and salesperson licensed to sell securities in Ohio?
- Have any enforcement actions been taken against them?
- Has the security been properly registered with the Division of Securities?

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