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Hamersville Resident Robert White Sentenced for Securities Fraud

(BATAVIA, Ohio) – A Hamersville man was sentenced to nine years in prison Wednesday for defrauding 82 people.

Robert White, 73, was taken into custody immediately after his sentencing, which also saw Clermont County Court of Common Pleas Judge Victor Haddad order restitution to the 82 victims in excess of \$1.2 million. White was also ordered to pay court costs and could serve three years of post-release control after released from prison.

White pleaded guilty in January to six third-degree felony counts of making false representations in the sale of securities. He was indicted by a Clermont County grand jury in February 2019 after an investigation by the Ohio Department of Commerce's Division of Securities and the Union Township Police Department.

This case was prosecuted by the Office of the Clermont County Prosecutor D. Vincent Faris and presented by Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Darren Miller.

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