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**Ohio Division of Securities Issues Summary of
Division Orders and Enforcement Actions
September 2020**

(COLUMBUS, Ohio) — The following administrative orders and enforcement actions represent official action taken by the Ohio Division of Securities from Sept. 1- 30, 2020.

Orders are issued as either a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing (NOH) or as a final order. The NOH details allegations by the Division for violations of the Ohio Securities Act and gives the respondent notice of the right to an administrative hearing. NOHs are public records, but do not represent the final determination in a pending matter.

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Division Orders

Order No. 20-033

Sept. 24, 2020

Jason H. Watts

Computational Analytics, LLC

Pickerington, Ohio

- Notice of Opportunity for Hearing
- Notice of Intent to Issue Cease and Desist Order

Criminal Cases

U.S. v. Raymond A. Erker, Tara M. Brunst, Kevin M. Krantz

Case No. 1:20 CR 478

U.S. District Court for the Northern District, Ohio

On Sept. 3, 2020, after an investigation by the Ohio Division of Securities, the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, and the Westlake Police Department, Raymond A. Erker, Tara M. Brunst, and Kevin Krantz were indicted by a federal grand jury on charges including conspiracy to commit mail and wire fraud, mail fraud, and wire fraud. Erker was also charged with money laundering and making a false statement under oath during a Rule 341 hearing for his bankruptcy case (Case No. 19-15448, U.S. Bk. N.D. Ohio).

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The detailed indictment alleges the three engaged in a fraudulent scheme to offer and sell investments in GenSource Financial Assurance Company, LLC, and Provident Securities, LLC, to at least 54 investors in an aggregate amount of \$9,366,976.37. The indictment further alleges the investors were told they were investing in annuities and senior secured notes with no exposure to risk and guaranteed rates of return, when in fact, neither Gensource nor Provident were authorized to issue annuities, the notes were not secured, and investor funds were misappropriated or invested in high-risk, start-up companies.

Erker's Ohio investment adviser representative license, CRD No. 2166800, along with the Ohio investment adviser license for his firm, Sageguard Wealth Management, Inc., CRD No. 158748, was revoked Oct. 24, 2019 in Division Order Number 19-033. Tara Brunst previously held an Ohio investment adviser representative license with Sageguard until the firm's license was revoked.

State v. Michael D. Wood

Case No. 19 CR I 11 0776

Delaware County Court of Common Pleas

On Sept. 22, 2020, Michael D. Wood entered a plea of no contest to the indictment filed in Delaware County, Ohio, which included five counts of securities fraud, one count of theft, one count of theft from the elderly, and one count of falsification. The indictment stems from Wood's sale of investments in Vietnamese Dong, Iraqi Dinar and Zimbabwe Zim.

Based on information published during the plea hearing, Wood told his victims the foreign currency would be revalued at more favorable rates, which would generate significant returns. Wood falsely told his victims he had a relationship with a high-level official in the U.S. Treasury Department who provided inside information, including information Presidents Bill Clinton, Barack Obama and then-candidate Donald Trump had personal stockpiles of these foreign currencies. The charges stemmed from misrepresentations of material facts, including the source and value of the currencies, as well as omissions of material information. A sentencing hearing is scheduled Oct. 30, 2020.

State v. Anthony J. Capullo

Case No. 2020 06 0718

Butler County Court of Common Pleas

On Aug. 27, 2020, Anthony Capullo, 55, a Las Vegas resident and owner of a bankrupt Fort Lauderdale, Florida-based business, was sentenced in the Butler County Court of Common Pleas for soliciting \$45,000 from an Ohio resident.

After an investigation and referral from the Ohio Department of Commerce's Division of Securities and a bill of information filed the day of sentencing, Anthony Capullo, pleaded guilty to one count of issuing securities in an insolvent company without disclosure, a fifth-degree felony. The case stemmed from Capullo's solicitation of an Ohio resident to invest in his company, Professional Provider Services, Inc. (PPS), operating in Fort Lauderdale. Capullo met the victim through social media and never disclosed

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PPS was bankrupt. The victim invested four times for a total of \$45,000. Four days after the final investment, Capullo filed Chapter 11 bankruptcy for PPS.

Judge Keith Spaeth sentenced Capullo to one year of community control and ordered him to pay court costs and additional fines. At sentencing, Capullo repaid the victim \$45,000, her full principal investment. The case was presented by Garrett Baker, assistant prosecuting attorney in the Office of Butler County Prosecuting Attorney Michael T. Gmoser.

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