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Franklin County Business Operator Sentenced for Misrepresentation and Theft

Mary Hackney of Cook County, Illinois, formerly of Franklin County, today was sentenced to four years and 11 months incarceration by Judge Patrick Sheeran in the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas. She also was ordered to pay \$66,850 in restitution.

Hackney, age 53, pled guilty in September to one count of misrepresentation in the sale of securities and five counts of theft.

She was originally indicted in August 2016, along with Philip Curtis of Orange County, North Carolina, and Lovell Jones of Franklin County. Warrants for failure to appear in court were issued for both Curtis and Jones, however, Curtis has been arrested and appeared in court on Monday. His trial date has not been scheduled.

Hackney operated Hackney Consulting Group, Inc., doing business as HCG and HCG-770, previously located in Columbus. Jones operated another corporation, 800 CSN, LLC, in Columbus. Hackney was indicted for soliciting funds from six residents of Ohio, Kansas and North Carolina to invest with Hackney Consulting Group, Inc. and its affiliated companies. The indictment alleged that the money was used for personal expenses between September 2011 and February 2013.

If you have information about the location of Lovell Jones, contact the Ohio Division of Securities at 1-800-788-1194.

The case is being prosecuted by the office of Franklin County Prosecutor, Ron O'Brien, and presented by Thomas Allen, assistant prosecuting attorney.

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