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West Chester Resident Sentenced to Prison for Securities Fraud

Ronald Lee Jennings, 75, of West Chester, Ohio, was sentenced Monday by Butler County Court of Common Pleas Judge Michael Oster Jr. to two years in prison and ordered to pay \$40,000 in restitution to the victim. Jennings pleaded guilty Aug. 27 to securities fraud, a second-degree felony.

According to the December 2017 indictment, Jennings allegedly received money from an elderly Ohio resident in exchange for an unregistered note of corporation issued by Jennings' business, Mature Planning Personal Services, Inc., formerly known as Mature Planning Financial Services, Inc. The indictment also alleged Jennings solicited the investor using false representations and material omissions about the nature of the businesses and the nature of the transaction.

This case was prosecuted by the Office of the Butler County Prosecutor, Michael T. Gmoser, by Gloria Sigman, assistant prosecuting attorney. The Ohio Division of Securities coordinated the investigation and provided the criminal referral to the prosecutor's office.

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