

For Immediate Release

August 1, 2019

Contact:

Dan Orzano, 614-644-9530

Daniel.Orzano@com.state.oh.us

Jerry Fuqua Indicted for Theft from the Elderly

Alleged crimes include theft of \$20,000 from an Ohio investor

(COLUMBUS, Ohio) – Following a criminal referral by the Ohio Department of Commerce's Division of Securities, Jerry Fuqua, 78, was indicted July 30, 2019, by a Hamilton County grand jury for crimes related to the theft of \$20,000 from an Ohio investor between July 1, 2014, and July 30, 2019.

Fuqua was indicted for one count of theft from the elderly and one count of securing writings by deception, both third-degree felonies. The indictment alleges Fuqua solicited \$20,000 from an elderly Ohio investor for fictitious stock certificates issued by Fuqua Corporation, which was shut down by the Ohio Department of Taxation in 2009 for failure to pay corporate franchise tax.

Fuqua is currently incarcerated in the Boone County Kentucky Work Camp on a prior conviction for two counts of theft by deception.

This case is being prosecuted by the office of Hamilton County Prosecutor Joseph T. Deters.

Anyone who believes they may be a victim in this case can call the Division's Investor Protection Hotline at 1-877-683-7841.

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?

###

Connect with us!



com.ohio.gov/secu