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## **Arizona Man Sentenced for Charge Related to Securities Fraud**

**Columbus, Ohio** - Christopher Hodge of Phoenix, Arizona, was today sentenced to five years of community control in the Logan County Court of Common Pleas after he pled guilty in April to telecommunications fraud, a felony of the third degree. Hodge, 35, was ordered to pay the costs of prosecution and was further ordered to pay \$10,000 in restitution to his victim. As part of the sentencing order, Hodge is prohibited from selling securities in or from Ohio for life.

The conviction stems from Hodge's sale of interest in a company called Intellicore Solutions. In November 2011, Hodge received investment funds from an Ohio resident for an interest in Intellicore Solutions. Instead of using the money for investment purposes, Hodge used the investor's funds for personal expenses.

The case was referred for prosecution by the Ohio Department of Commerce - Division of Securities. Logan County Prosecutor Eric C. Stewart prosecuted the case.

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## **About the Ohio Division of Securities**

The Division of Securities administers the Ohio Securities Act by licensing securities salespersons, dealers, investment advisers and investment adviser representatives. The Division also registers securities offered for sale to Ohioans. Additionally, the Division investigates alleged violations of the Ohio Securities Act and enforces its provisions through administrative actions, civil injunctive actions and criminal prosecutions.

To avoid potential financial fraud, investors are encouraged to call the Division's Investor Protection Hotline at 877-683-7841 before they invest money and 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?