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Columbus Man Indicted on Securities Fraud and Theft Charges

The Ohio Department of Commerce - Division of Securities today announced that the Franklin County grand jury returned a 33-count indictment against Jeffrey B. Hall, age 54, of Columbus, Ohio. Hall was indicted for charges including securities fraud, the unlicensed sale of securities and theft, following a criminal referral by the Division.

The indictment alleges that Hall operated as an unlicensed securities dealer by trading in the accounts of the investors after his securities license had lapsed, allegedly causing massive losses.

This case is being prosecuted by the Office of the Franklin County Prosecutor Ron O'Brien, represented by Assistant Prosecutors Robert Lang and Jeff Blake, who also is the Economic Crime Unit Director.

If you believe you may be a victim in this case, please call Attorney Inspector Janice Hitzeman or Deputy Attorney Inspector Harvey McCleskey at the Division's Investor Protection Hotline, 877-683-7841.

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

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