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WEEKLY AGENCY REPORT

OFFICE OF FINANCIAL REGULATION

WEEK ENDING JANUARY 15, 2015

Successes for Week Ending January 15, 2015

1. Licensing and Registration

- Division of Securities
 - Applications Received: 2,408
 - Applications Approved: 2,347
 - Applications Denied/Withdrawn: 20

- Division of Consumer Finance
 - Applications Received: 276
 - Applications Approved: 272
 - Applications Denied/Withdrawn: 22

- Division of Financial Institutions
 - Applications Received: 0
 - Applications Approved: 2

2. Enforcement Results

Civil Enforcement Complaint Filed Against Jacksonville Commodity Pool

On January 6, 2015, the Commodities Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) filed a civil complaint in the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida charging defendants Allied Markets, LLC, and its principals Joshua Gilliland and Chawalit Wongkhiao, all of Jacksonville, Florida with operating a fraudulent foreign currency (forex) commodity pool in violation of the Commodity Exchange Act (CEA) and CFTC Regulations. On January 7, 2015, an Emergency Order freezing and preserving assets under the defendants' control and prohibiting destruction of documents was issued by U.S. District Judge Marcia Morales. The action followed a joint OFR/CFTC investigation that determined since January 2012, the defendants fraudulently solicited more than \$1 million from members of the public to trade forex in a commodity pool. Defendants Gilliland and Wongkhiao allegedly misappropriated funds to pay for personal expenses, including restaurants and entertainment, travel, hotels, rental cars and rent for their residence in Jacksonville Beach, Florida. Defendants also allegedly paid purported trading profits and principal to pool participants in the manner of a Ponzi scheme, according to the complaint. The investigation also determined the defendants solicited members of the public to send them money for forex trading by fraudulently guaranteeing specific trading returns and by making material misrepresentations regarding their trading expertise and results, including that

the defendants' forex trading was generating large profits. OFR investigators assisted in the execution of the order, seizing computers and certain paper files. The investigation by the OFR is ongoing.

Defendant Enters Guilty Plea in Investment Fraud Case

On January 9, 2015, Christopher Anzalone, pled guilty in federal court to a charge of conspiracy to commit wire fraud. Earlier, on September 30, 2014, Anzalone was charged with conspiracy to commit mail and wire fraud. The charges were related to his involvement in an elaborate fraud scheme involving purported investments in precious metals and stocks. The investments were sold under various corporate names including Liberty International Holdings Corporation (LIHC), Liberty International Financial Services (LIFS), Allied Strategies, Inc., Allied Marketing, LLC, and DBA Clearing, LLC. Anzalone's co-defendants in the case, Jeffrey Schuler, Jacob Bradshaw, David O. Boyce and Benjamin Williams were also charged with various offenses including mail fraud, wire fraud and conspiracy to commit mail and wire fraud. As of October 28, 2014, each of the co-defendants had been arrested and each are presently awaiting trial. The OFR's investigation focused on Allied Marketing, LLC, and Allied Strategies, Inc. (Allied). Allied's bank records along with investors' sworn statements revealed that the defendants raised \$3.3 million from 23 Allied investors between March 2013 and October 2013. Allied investors were led to believe that LIHC stock had value due to the company's holdings in real estate and/or precious metals, when in fact, LIHC had no holdings in real estate or precious metals. The review of financial records revealed that the money raised by Allied from investors was never used for the purposes represented to the investors, but instead was used to pay sales commissions and for Anzalone's personal living expenses. All told, the money raised by the defendants through each of the various companies named in the criminal filings was more than \$16 million. This investigation was developed jointly with the FBI. The U.S. Attorney's Office in Miami is prosecuting the case. Sentencing of Anzalone is set for March 27, 2015. Anzalone faces a term of imprisonment of up to 20 years and a fine of up to \$250,000.

[Press Release: California Resident Pleads Guilty For Leading A \\$16 Million Investment And Commodities Fraud Scheme](#)

New Issues

1. Communications and Outreach Activities

On January 13, 2015, a column "Jumpstart the New Year with Healthy Financial Habits," by OFR Drew J. Breakspear appeared in Sunshine State News.

On January 14, 2015, the OFR issued a press release announcing the second edition of OFR's Fast Facts.

[Press Release: Office of Financial Regulation Releases 2014 Fast Facts](#)

On January 14, 2015, the OFR issued a consumer alert on loan modification scams.

[Consumer Alert: Loan Modification Scams](#)