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WEEKLY AGENCY REPORT

OFFICE OF FINANCIAL REGULATION

WEEK ENDING MARCH 23, 2017

Successes for Week Ending March 23, 2017

1. Licensing and Registration

- Division of Securities
 - Applications Received: 964
 - Applications Approved: 917
 - Applications Denied/Withdrawn: 9

- Division of Consumer Finance
 - Applications Received: 451
 - Applications Approved: 550
 - Applications Denied/Withdrawn: 10

- Division of Financial Institutions
 - Applications Received: 0
 - Applications Approved: 0
 - Applications Denied/Withdrawn: 0

2. Regulatory Actions

Final Order for \$9,375 Fine Against an Associated Person for Unregistered Activity

On March 17, 2017, the Division of Securities entered a final order against Daniel Robert Dame for engaging in unregistered investment advisory activities. A \$9,375 administrative fine was paid.

Final Order for \$4,500 Fine Against an Associated Person for Unregistered Activity

On March 17, 2017, the Division of Securities entered a final order against Tao Chin for engaging in unregistered investment advisory activities. A \$4,500 administrative fine was paid.

Final Order for \$9,375 Fine Against an Investment Adviser Firm for Unregistered Activity

On March 21, 2017, the Division of Securities entered a final order against Libertas Wealth Management Group, Inc., for engaging in unregistered investment advisory activities. A \$9,000 administrative fine was paid.

3. Enforcement Actions

Doral Real Estate Agent Arrested for Investment Fraud

On March 16, 2017, Javier Ortiz, was arrested on charges of organized fraud and grand theft in connection with his alleged role in promoting a fraudulent real estate investment scheme that victimized at least one Florida investor. Ortiz, Managing Member of JOM Property Group, LLC, is alleged to have sold a fraudulent investment opportunity to a South Florida investor based on misrepresentations that the investor's money would be used to purchase and rehabilitate investment properties. Ortiz is alleged to have told the investor that he had a lifetime of experience in real estate investing and in profiting from flipping homes. In August 2013, the investor gave Ortiz a personal check for \$230,000 to be utilized by JOM Property Group to buy and renovate homes. Contrary to Ortiz's alleged representations, however, an OFR investigation revealed that Ortiz used most of the investor's money for his personal living expenses. Although Ortiz would later purchase a residential property, renovate it, and sell it, he did not share the profits with the investor. The investor made numerous attempts to recover the investment funds with no results. OFR investigators interviewed other investors who placed funds with Ortiz and JOM Property Group. These investors claimed that Ortiz represented himself as a general contractor and accepted funds for various contracting jobs. He is alleged to have taken various deposits on jobs and subsequently failed to perform the work. Ortiz is licensed by the Department of Business and Professional Regulation as a Real Estate Sales Associate but does not hold a General Contractor's license or a license to sell securities. The OFR was assisted in the arrest of Ortiz by detectives with the Florida Department of Financial Services, Division of Investigative and Forensic Services. The case is being prosecuted by the Miami-Dade County State Attorney's Office.

New Issues

No new issues to report this week.