

# GOVERNOR RICK SCOTT

## MONTHLY AGENCY ACHIEVEMENT REPORT

### OFFICE OF FINANCIAL REGULATION

DECEMBER 2014

#### DECEMBER ACHIEVEMENTS

##### 1. Monthly Statistics

- Division of Securities
  - Examinations Opened: 27
  - Examinations Closed: 9
  - Complaints Received: 19
  - Complaints Closed: 23
  - Applications Received: 2,575
  - Applications Approved: 2,771
  - Applications Denied/Withdrawn: 42
  
- Division of Consumer Finance
  - Examinations Opened: 28
  - Examinations Closed: 33
  - Complaints Received: 168
  - Complaints Closed: 165
  - Applications Received: 1,218
  - Applications Approved: 1,071
  - Applications Denied/Withdrawn: 62
  
- Division of Financial Institutions
  - Examinations Opened: 8
  - Examinations Closed: 11
  - Complaints Received: 62
  - Complaints Closed: 66
  - Applications Received: 7
  - Applications Approved: 10
  - Applications Denied/Withdrawn: 0
  
- Bureau of Financial Investigations
  - Investigations Opened: 18
  - Investigations Closed: 9

##### 2. Substantial Regulatory Actions

###### Denial of Associated Person

On December 9, 2014, the Division of Securities entered a Final Order against Richard Winsor Ohrn, denying his application for registration as an associated person, after he failed to request a hearing. The Final Order follows a Notice of

Intent to Deny, which alleged Mr. Ohrn is the subject of a pending enforcement action issued by FINRA, a national securities association.

#### Denial of Associated Person

On December 9, 2014, the Division of Securities entered a Final Order against Steven Jay Miller, denying his application for registration as an associated person, after he failed to request a hearing. The Final Order follows a Notice of Intent to Deny, which alleged Mr. Miller made a material misrepresentation or misstatement on his application for registration.

#### Fine Assessed for Unlicensed Activity

On December 9, 2014, the Division of Consumer Finance entered a Final Order after receiving the first of four installments of \$50,437 from TransferMate, Inc. The fine was assessed for unlicensed money services business activity.

#### Revocation of Loan Originator License

On December 12, 2014, the Division of Consumer Finance entered a Final Order, revoking the loan originator license for Ronel Laurent. Ronel Laurent was arrested with two felony charges of robbery and grand theft. Ronel Laurent was also issued an administrative fine of \$1,000.

#### Two-Year Bar and \$7,500 Fine Against an Unregistered Associated Person

On December 12, 2014, the Division of Securities entered a Final Order against Chad E. Hill for selling unregistered securities and engaging in securities transactions in Florida without being registered. Mr. Hill is barred for two years from affiliating or seeking future registration with a dealer, investment adviser or associated person under the Florida Securities and Investor Protection Act, Chapter 517, F.S. A \$7,500 administrative fine was paid.

#### Permanent Bar and \$5,000 Fine Against an Unregistered Associated Person

On December 18, 2014, the Division of Securities entered a Final Order against Gary M. Paulzak for selling unregistered securities and engaging in securities transactions in Florida without being registered. Mr. Paulzak is permanently barred from affiliating or seeking future registration with a dealer, investment adviser or associated person under the Florida Securities and Investor Protection Act, Chapter 517, F.S. A \$5,000 administrative fine was paid.

#### Revocation of Loan Originator License

On December 18, 2014, the Division of Consumer Finance entered a Final Order, revoking the loan originator license for Glorianny Guevara. Glorianny Guevara was arrested for public assistance fraud.

#### Fine Assessed for Unlicensed Activity

On December 18, 2014, the Division of Consumer Finance entered a Final Order after receiving the first of two installments of \$26,037 from CambioReal, Inc. The fine was assessed for unlicensed money transmission activity.

#### Fines Totaling \$36,000 for Unregistered Activity

During the month of December 2014, the Division of Securities fined four associated persons and one firm for engaging in unregistered investment advisory activities in the State of Florida. A total of \$36,000 in administrative fines were paid.

### **3. Enforcement Actions**

#### Defendant Sentenced for Role in Ponzi Scheme

On December 1, 2014, Ruth Rodriguez-Liverpool was sentenced to three years of time served in prison and seventeen years of probation for her role in an investment fraud scheme. On July 22, 2011, Liverpool was arrested and charged with first degree organized fraud. The OFR investigation revealed that from March 2007 through December 2008, Liverpool obtained \$2,485,000 from 60 investors nationwide. Liverpool claimed she managed and controlled an import and export company that purportedly generated profitable returns for investors by shipping materials to Haiti. The investigation determined little or no income was generated by the purported shipping operation and there was no way for Liverpool to generate the high rates of return promised to investors. Instead, Liverpool used new investors' funds to pay returns to earlier investors and misappropriated investors' money for her personal gain. The Broward County State Attorney's Office prosecuted this case.

#### Online Dating Conman Found Guilty of Grand Theft

On December 8, 2014, Scott Campbell was found guilty of one count of grand theft over \$100,000 after a weeklong trial. Campbell had previously been arrested on June 5, 2013, by Flagler County Sheriff's Deputies on an Osceola County warrant based on allegations that he had obtained in excess of \$1,000,000 from victims. Campbell is scheduled to be sentenced on February 13, 2015. The investigation revealed that, since 2003, Campbell had been approaching women, mostly through the use of online dating sites and offering them investment opportunities in his businesses: BDO Records, Inc. and Give Me A Chance Talent Agency, Inc. Campbell allegedly would show interest in building personal relationships with his victims, but quickly introduced them to his businesses and sought their investments instead. Campbell represented himself and his businesses as being successful and stated that the investments would be used for recordings and upcoming tours. In contrast to his promises, Campbell put the investors' funds to personal use including large amounts spent on gambling. The OFR was responsible for 100 percent of the investigative work on this case. The Osceola County Sheriff's Office, Brevard County Sheriff's Office, Flagler County Sheriff's Office and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement all assisted with Campbell's apprehension. The case was prosecuted by the Office of Statewide Prosecution.

[Press Release: Orlando Man Guilty in Online Dating Scheme](#)

#### Former North Miami Mayor Convicted for her Involvement in a Multi-Million Dollar Mortgage Fraud Scheme

On December 16, 2014, after a 12-day trial, a federal jury convicted former North Miami Mayor Marie Lucie Tondreau, a/k/a "Lucie Tondreau," 54, for her role in an \$8,000,000 mortgage fraud scheme. Tondreau is scheduled to be sentenced on

March 20, 2015. As shown at trial, between December 2005 and May 2008, co-defendant Karl Oreste, 56, of Miramar, Florida, president of KMC Mortgage Corporation of Florida (KMC Mortgage), identified residential properties in South Florida that were for sale. Oreste and Tondreau (who at the time was a community activist) hosted several radio show programs in the South Florida area where they advertised the services offered by KMC Mortgage. Oreste and Tondreau recruited and paid some of the listeners who responded to those advertisements, as well as other individuals, to pose as borrowers and purchase properties identified by Oreste. Oreste and co-defendant Okechukwu Josiah Odunna, a/k/a "O.J. Odunna," 49, of Lauderdale Lakes, Florida, as well as other co-conspirators, prepared or caused to be prepared loan applications on behalf of straw borrowers recruited by Oreste and Tondreau. Odunna was an attorney previously licensed to practice law in Florida, and president of O.J. Odunna, P.A. and Direct Title and Escrow Services (Direct Title). These loan applications included false information relating to employment, wages, assets and intent to make the property being purchased a primary residence. The loan applications and documents were submitted by co-conspirators to various mortgage lenders throughout the United States. At closing, a portion of loan proceeds were disbursed to Oreste who also transferred a substantial portion of the funds to Tondreau. Tondreau received in excess of \$300,000 into a business account controlled by her, and in excess of \$100,000 into her personal bank accounts. Oreste previously pled guilty to conspiracy to commit wire fraud and is scheduled to be sentenced on January 12, 2015. This investigation was developed jointly by OFR and the FBI. The U.S. Attorney's Office in Miami prosecuted the case. [Press Release: Former North Miami Mayor Convicted for Her Involvement in a Multi-Million Dollar Mortgage Fraud Scheme](#)

#### **4. Communications and Outreach Activities**

During the months of November and December 2014, two members of Division of Securities' staff participated in the *Junior Achievement (JA) Our Nation* education program, which was offered to Ms. Magnuson's Florida State University School students. *JA Our Nation* was offered through the Junior Achievement Big Bend, which provides practical information about the need for employees who can meet the demands of the 21st century job market, particularly high-growth, high-demand jobs. The program helps students understand the skills, especially in science, technology, engineering, and math, which will make their futures brighter. Twenty four 5th grade students participated in program.

On December 2, 2014, a member of the Division of Financial Institutions attended the NASCUS Directors College in Lake Mary. Approximately 40 people were in attendance.

On December 10, 2014, Division of Securities staff participated in the Quarterly Roundtable meeting held by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission in Miami. Other participants included the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the United States Attorney's Office and other State and Federal regulatory and law enforcement agencies. The meeting was

held to discuss updates from participating agencies on new and/or significant trends or concerns in securities and/or investment fraud matters. Other issues discussed included whistleblower programs and suggestions for joint outreach events. Approximately 45 securities regulatory members attended.

On December 16, 2014, the OFR Office of Communications released a consumer alert regarding advance fee loan scams.

[Consumer Alert: Advance Fee Loan Scams](#)

On December 14, 2014, a letter to the editor by Commissioner Drew J. Breakspear appeared in the Palm Beach Daily News.

[Palm Beach Daily News: Florida office polices securities industry](#)