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WEEKLY AGENCY REPORT

OFFICE OF FINANCIAL REGULATION

WEEK ENDING JUNE 15, 2017

Successes for Week Ending June 15, 2017

1. Licensing and Registration

- Division of Securities
 - Applications Received: 1,170
 - Applications Approved: 1,095
 - Applications Denied/Withdrawn: 19

- Division of Consumer Finance
 - Applications Received: 535
 - Applications Approved: 611
 - Applications Denied/Withdrawn: 20

- Division of Financial Institutions
 - Applications Received: 3
 - Applications Approved: 3
 - Applications Denied/Withdrawn: 0

2. Regulatory Actions

Final Order for a \$13,300 Fine Against a Check Casher for Prohibited Business Practices

On June 5, 2017, the Division of Consumer Finance entered a final order against Sreen, Inc., d/b/a Tony's Market & Deli and Amjed Hamdan, for failure to update its financial information with the OFR within 30 days of the change, failure to timely file currency transactions reports, failure to endorse payment instruments with its legal name and for cashing payment instruments from persons other than the original payee.

Final Order for a \$10,650 Fine Against a Check Casher for Prohibited Business Practices

On June 5, 2017, the Division of Consumer Finance entered a final order against Fathallah Dimiaty, Inc., and Hassib Fathallah for failure to maintain, review, and update corporate files for payees who cash third party corporate payment instruments, failure to maintain an accurate electronic log of payment instruments cashed and failure to timely remit payment of the OFR's invoice for examination charges.

Final Order for \$15,000 Fine Against an Investment Adviser Firm and Associated Person for Violations of Rules

On June 7, 2017, the Division of Securities entered a final order against Center for Asset Management, LLC and Peter Andrew Blatt for violations of rules by failing to maintain an accurate Form ADV, maintain an accurate Form U4, and to prepare and maintain accurate investment advisory contracts. A \$15,000 administrative fine was paid.

Final Order for a \$50,800 Fine and Revocation of License Against a Check Casher for Prohibited Business Practices

On June 9, 2017, the Division of Consumer Finance entered a final order against King Food Mart of Jax, Inc., and Sohel Dahi for failure to timely file quarterly reports with the OFR, failure to file currency transaction report for payment instruments with a face value greater than \$10,000, failure to implement an effective anti-money laundering policy, failure to maintain complete customer files on customers who cash third party corporate payment instruments, accepting an invalid form of identification to cash a check, failure to maintain copies of identification used to cash a payment instrument, failure to maintain copies of each payment instrument cashed and failure to maintain records of the customer thumbprint when cashing a payment instrument more than \$1,000.

3. Enforcement Actions

On June 08, 2017, Terrance Francis Taylor, of Bradenton, pleaded guilty to federal charges of conspiracy to commit wire fraud for his role in the operation of Savtira Corporation, Inc., a purported internet technology firm which operated from 2010 until 2012. Taylor was the Chief Financial Officer of Savtira. Taylor's conviction follows a federal grand jury indictment against him and Timothy Munro Roberts, Savtira's Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board. The indictment charged Taylor and Roberts with one count each of conspiracy to commit mail fraud and five counts of wire fraud. Roberts pleaded guilty to the wire fraud charges on January 9, 2017. Incorporated in 2011, Savtira purportedly offered a centralized, cloud-based shopping cart platform for online and traditional retailers to sell goods. Taylor and Roberts sold stock in Savtira to victim investors by making false claims upon which those investors relied. The bogus claims included misrepresentations about the company's profitability, the company's supposed contracts with nationally recognized technology firms, the company's ownership of certain patents and the overall valuation of the company. Taylor and Roberts also failed to disclose to investors that Roberts was a party to a settlement agreement with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) in 2008, that required him to pay a fine and banned him from selling unregistered securities. The joint OFR/FBI investigation revealed that the stock certificates that Taylor and Roberts sold to investors were essentially worthless and that the proceeds from those sales were used by both men for personal expenses and cash withdrawals that investors knew nothing about. Contrary to the defendants' representations, Savtira did not own any patents or a working product. Instead, in order to give the appearance of a thriving business,

Taylor and Roberts generated bogus invoices and receivables, making it appear as if Savtira had millions in revenue and falsely bolstering the company's value and ability to factor invoices for cash. In all, Taylor and Roberts raised approximately \$5.3 million from investors nationwide and from factoring bogus invoices. Simultaneous to the unsealing of the aforementioned indictment, the SEC filed a separate, civil enforcement action against the defendants, charging them with securities fraud. The case was prosecuted by the United States Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Florida in Tampa. Sentencing dates for both Taylor and Roberts are still pending.

New Issues

1. Communications and Outreach Activities

On June 12, 2017, the OFR issued a consumer alert on how to recognize a phone scam and hang up.

[Consumer Alert: Recognize Phone Scam & Hang Up](#)

On June 13, 2017, the OFR issued a press release regarding the passage of HB 435.

[Press Release: OFR Applauds the Passage of International Banking Legislation](#)