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MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA (August 13, 2002) - Honorable Randall Houston, District Attorney for the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit and Honorable Joseph P. Borg, Director of the Alabama Securities Commission, announce today the arrest of Mark Stephen Cooper, Elaine Jenkins Turner, Donald Caton, Leonard Miller, William Till, David Wayne Gordon, Nancilu Carpenter, April Sunday Rutledge Cooper, and Kelly Vickers, pursuant to indictments returned by the August 2002 Autauga County Grand Jury, involving an investigation of the financial activities involving the expansion of Daystar Assembly of God Church.

Mark Stephen Cooper was indicted on sixty-eight counts of Theft of Property in the 1st degree; seven counts of Sale of Unregistered Securities; seven counts of Sale of Securities by an Unregistered Agent; and fourteen counts of Securities Fraud. Elaine Jenkins Turner was indicted on twenty-three counts of Theft of Property in the 1st degree; twelve counts of Sale of Unregistered Securities; twelve counts of Sale of Securities by an Unregistered Agent; and fourteen counts of Securities Fraud. Donald Caton was indicted on fifty-one counts of Theft of Property in the 1st degree. Leonard Miller was indicted on forty-five counts of Theft of Property in the 1st degree; one count of Sale of Unregistered Securities; one count of Sale of Securities by an Unregistered Agent; and one count of Securities Fraud. David Wayne Gordon was indicted on five counts of Theft of Property in the 1st degree; five counts of Sale of Unregistered Securities; five counts of Sale of Securities by an Unregistered Agent; and six counts of Securities Fraud. William Till was indicted on nine counts of Theft of Property in the 1st degree; five counts of Sale of Unregistered Securities; five counts of Sale of Securities by an Unregistered Agent; and five counts of Securities Fraud. Nancilu Carpenter was indicted on nine counts of Theft of Property in the 1st degree. April Sunday Rutledge Cooper was indicted on four counts of Theft of Property in the 1st degree. Kelly Vickers was indicted on two counts of Theft of Property in the 1st degree.

The Alabama Securities Commission Enforcement Division opened its investigation in the Daystar matter in July, 2001. The investigation revealed the alleged misappropriation of funds raised by Daystar Assembly of God Church in the sale of certificates of deposit and loans proceeds for development of the church by Mark Stephen Cooper, Elaine Jenkins Turner, Donald Caton, Leonard Miller, William Till, April Sunday Rutledge Cooper and Kelly Vickers. The investigation further showed alleged fraud perpetrated by these individuals as well as Nancilu Carpenter against local banks and lending institutions. Finally, the investigation revealed alleged violations of the Alabama Securities Act and Theft of Property in the 1st Degree from the sale of promissory notes of a company called Qtrex by Elaine Turner and David Wayne Gordon. Total loss from all of these alleged acts is approximately \$3 million dollars.

The Director of the Alabama Securities Commission (ASC) cautions potential investors to thoroughly check out any investment opportunity. Contact ASC for inquiries regarding securities broker-dealers, agents, investment advisors, and investment advisor representatives, the registration status of securities, to report suspected fraud, or obtain consumer information:

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