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Montgomery County Man Arrested for Securities Act Violations

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA (July 19, 2013) Thomas M. Smith, District Attorney for the 6th Judicial Circuit, Tuscaloosa County, Alabama; and Joseph Borg, Director of the Alabama Securities Commission (ASC) announced that Reuben Max Burrow, formerly of Abilene, Texas, was arrested July 15, 2013 in Montgomery by Montgomery County Sheriff's deputies and Alabama Securities Commission Enforcement Division agents. Burrow was arrested based on indictments handed down by the April, 2013 term of the Tuscaloosa County Grand Jury and outstanding warrants from Tuscaloosa County. Burrow is currently being held in the Montgomery County detention facility under a \$300,000 bond, awaiting transfer to Tuscaloosa County.

Charges against Burrow include two Class C felonies: Sale of Unregistered Securities and Conspiracy to Commit Securities Fraud, punishable by a term of imprisonment of 1 to 10 years, and up to a \$15,000 fine per count. Additionally, Burrow is charged with two Class A misdemeanors: Conspiracy to Sell Unregistered Securities and Conspiracy to Sell Securities as an Unregistered Agent, punishable by a term of imprisonment of not more than 1 year, and up to a \$6,000 fine per count.

Based on a complaint filed with the ASC by an Alabama investor, between Oct., 2004 and Sep., 2011, Burrow allegedly offered and sold shares of stock in a company he represented, Nevada Precious Metals, Inc., a State of Nevada incorporated company. An ASC Enforcement Division investigation revealed that Burrow was not registered with the ASC to legally offer and/or sell stock shares, as required by the Alabama Securities Act. Further, it was revealed that Nevada Precious Metals, Inc. also was not registered with the ASC, as required by law.

The ASC cautions potential investors to thoroughly scrutinize and research any investment opportunity or offer. Contact the ASC with inquiries concerning securities broker-dealers, agents, investment advisers, investment adviser representatives, financial planners, registration status of securities or debt management programs, to report suspected fraud or to obtain consumer information. The ASC provides free investor education and fraud prevention materials in print, on our website and through educational presentations upon request.

(NOTE: An arrest or indictment is not evidence that the defendant committed the crime(s) charged. The defendant is presumed innocent until the government meets its burden of proving guilt beyond reasonable doubt in court).

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