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PRESS STATEMENT

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Investment Scammer Indicted

State v. Daryl Harrison 2010-CR-3697

The Montgomery County Grand Jury has indicted 32-year-old **Daryl L. Harrison**, of Centerville, Ohio for:

- One count of Grand Theft over \$5,000
- One count of Aggravated Theft over \$100,000

In 2008, the defendant, alleged to operate an investment company, H & H Investments on East Spring Valley Road, and affiliated himself with a company known as The A.R.T. Group on Miamisburg-Centerville Road, both in Centerville, Ohio. The defendant convinced one victim into investing over \$100,000 through these companies, largely in real estate and biodiesel fuels. This money was never invested.

In 2010, the defendant convinced another victim to invest money, promising a 20% return on his investment. The victim gave the defendant cash as well as took out a signature loan and opened credit card accounts to fund his "investments". Again, there is no indication the defendant ever invested any of the money on the victim's behalf. The defendant instead spent the money on his own personal expenses, such as a trip to Miami, Florida and his gym membership. This second victim lost approximately \$12,500 to the defendant, who used the money to support his own lifestyle.

Prosecutor Mat Heck, Jr. said, "This defendant was able to convince his victims to invest their hard-earned money. Again, we see someone offering a rate of return that is simply too good to be true. Thefts such as this serve to remind consumers how important it is to fully research companies and individuals before giving them your money to invest."

The defendant is scheduled to be arraigned on February 17, 2010. He faces a possible sentence of serving six-and-one-half years in the penitentiary.

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