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AG Bruning: Engle and Schuster Sentenced for Securities Fraud

LINCOLN - Attorney General Jon Bruning announced the sentences of Brian Schuster and Rebecca Engle in relation to securities fraud. In one of the harshest state-court sentences stemming from white-collar crime in Nebraska, Schuster was sentenced a maximum of 192 months in jail and Engle received up to 72 months.

“Mr. Schuster and Ms. Engle swindled millions from trusting Nebraska seniors,” said Bruning. “It is appropriate they will pay for those crimes behind bars.”

For each of four counts of securities fraud, Brian Schuster received 20 to 48 months in jail to be served consecutively. Rebecca Engle was sentenced to 18 to 36 months on each of two counts of securities fraud to be served consecutively. The Court ordered the sentences to begin immediately.

In May, Brian Schuster pleaded no contest to four counts of securities fraud in Gage County District Court. Rebecca Engle pleaded guilty on two counts of securities fraud.

Today’s sentences stemmed from an investigation by the Nebraska Department of Banking and Finance. The investigation showed Engle and Schuster sold high-risk securities to approximately 150 Nebraskans without disclosing key risks or warnings associated with the those securities.

The securities were from two Florida-based companies, American Capital Corporation and Royal Palm Capital Group, Inc. The companies were start-up entities with limited operating histories. Both companies are no longer in business.

Engle and Schuster were previously registered as broker-dealer agents with Capital Growth Financial with offices in Nebraska City and Syracuse. The total combined loss to Nebraska families investing in the two companies is estimated at more than \$20 million

Assistant Attorneys General Michael Guinan and Jeff Gaertig handled the case.