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N.H. SECURITIES REGULATION LAUNCHES PROGRAM TO HELP LAW ENFORCEMENT INVESTIGATE INVESTMENT FRAUD

OUTREACH PROGRAM GIVES LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT TO ASSIST DEFRAUDED INVESTORS

Concord, NH (May 12, 2008) – New Hampshire Bureau of Securities Regulation today announced a new outreach program that provides New Hampshire law enforcement with resources and information to help investigate public complaints about investment fraud.

Designed for use by law enforcement officers and district attorneys, the Law Enforcement Outreach Program features a series of resources pertaining to financial instruments (“securities”) that are commonly used in schemes to defraud investors. The program offers training for law enforcement who field complaints or questions from investors who believe they have been defrauded.

“We recognize the importance of training law enforcement officers and prosecutors on how to approach securities fraud, a crime that is often difficult to detect or understand,” said Mark Connolly. “This program is designed to assist law enforcement professionals in identifying securities fraud and addressing investor complaints. Through this outreach

effort, we hope to enhance the strong working relationship between New Hampshire law enforcement and N.H. Securities Regulation,” Connolly said.

N.H. Securities Regulation Law Enforcement Outreach Program offers resources to familiarize the law enforcement community with the range of financial products that are defined as “securities” under the law. The resources include a “Securities 101” handbook and other training and presentation materials on how to spot investment fraud.

The program was produced by the Investor Education Coordination Project Group of the North American Securities Administrators Association (NASAA), of which N.H. Securities Regulation is a member. The program also has been endorsed by the National White Collar Crime Center (NW3C). NASAA is the oldest international organization devoted to investor protection. Its membership consists of the securities administrators in the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the provinces and territories of Canada, and Mexico.

Jeffrey Spill, Deputy Director of the Securities Bureau, will be contacting various New Hampshire law enforcement officials to explain the Bureau’s outreach program. Spill also said the Bureau plans on sponsoring a two-day conference this fall on securities fraud for law enforcement officials.