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**MANCHESTER RESIDENT ORDERED TO PAY \$100,000
RESTITUTION TO DEFRAUDED INVESTORS
PENALTIES INCLUDE FINE AND BAR FROM SECURITIES BUSINESS**

CONCORD, NH (October 17, 2013) - The New Hampshire Bureau of Securities Regulation announced today that a consent order has been issued against Glen Gervais, a resident of Manchester. Under the order, Gervais is required to pay back \$100,000 to several defrauded investors. In addition, he will pay a \$5000 fine to the state and is permanently barred from further sales of securities.

According to the Bureau's order, Gervais issued thirty-four promissory notes to seven New Hampshire investors. The proceeds were to be used to fund specific computer kiosk businesses operated by Gervais, as well as real estate projects and personal loans. The Bureau alleges that Gervais fraudulently diverted funds given to him for specific investments to his personal use and for other business ventures unknown to the investors.

"Promissory notes offered for investment purposes are generally securities under New Hampshire law," said Eric Forcier, a staff attorney for the Bureau. "Those who offer promissory notes need to understand that the Bureau of Securities will take action to enforce the state's licensing and registration laws, particularly where fraud is involved."

Jeff Spill, Deputy Director of the Bureau, noted that Gervais' activities abused the trust of New Hampshire investors. "They expected him to be in compliance with the law and to use their investments in the manner agreed to. Unfortunately, that did not happen."

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The Bureau of Securities Regulation is charged with protecting New Hampshire investors. As part of this charge and to educate and warn the public, the Bureau issues public announcements regarding significant enforcement cases, such as this one.