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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **STATE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE SUES NORTH IDAHO INVESTMENT PROMOTER Refunds Sought For Affected Idaho Investors**

Boise, Idaho . . . Gavin Gee, Director of the Idaho Department of Finance, announced the filing of a civil securities lawsuit against Robert Kevin Myers and Mortgage Underwriters, LLC. The case was filed in First District Court in Kootenai County.

The complaint alleges that the defendants offered and sold securities in the form of investment contracts. The securities were not registered in Idaho and the defendants were not licensed to sell securities in Idaho. The State also alleges that the defendants violated the antifraud provisions of the Idaho Securities Act by: a) failing to disclose to investors that their investment monies would be used in whole or in part to pay Myers' personal expenses and salary; b) failing to disclose to the investors the true financial condition of Mortgage Underwriters; and c) failing to disclose material information about the defendants, including Myers' history of bankruptcy filings and bankruptcy discharges.

The State's suit seeks a Court order permanently enjoining the defendants from further violations of the Idaho Securities Act, restricting future business activities, and ordering repayment to Idaho investors. Losses in Idaho are estimated at \$244,000.

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