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STATE SUES CALIFORNIA BROKER FOR SECURITIES VIOLATIONS

Boise, Idaho . . . Gavin Gee, Director of the Idaho Department of Finance, today announced the filing of a civil securities lawsuit In Fourth District Court in Boise against Jay L. Murphy, formerly of Los Angeles, California. Murphy was a stockbroker engaged in financial planning, trust, insurance and securities business.

Among the allegations in the complaint are that Murphy conducted securities business in Idaho while not licensed to do so, and that he sold unregistered securities. One of the unregistered securities sold in Idaho was an investment interest in Bison Investment Group One, Ltd. Murphy is alleged to have made misrepresentations and omissions in connection with the sale of these securities. These include failing to disclose to the Idaho investor that: a) he had formed the Bison Investment, b) that another entity associated with Murphy would manage the investment as its general partner, and c) Murphy was not authorized by his employer to sell the Bison Investment. The State also alleges that Murphy used investor funds in Bison Investments for his own personal benefit.

The State's suit seeks a Court order permanently enjoining Murphy from further violations of the Idaho Securities Act, restricting future business activities, ordering repayment to Idaho investors, and the payment of civil penalties.

The Department urges Idaho residents to make sure that the investments and investment professionals with whom they deal are registered. Investors can contact the Department at (208) 332-8004 or toll free within Idaho at 888-346-3378.

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