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**MONTANA SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT,
CUSTER COUNTY**

STATE OF MONTANA,)	
)	Cause No.: DC-15-59
Plaintiff,)	
)	HONORABLE MICHAEL B. HAYWORTH
vs.)	
)	ORDER GRANTING LEAVE TO
RICHARD (RICK) BRANDT,)	FILE INFORMATION
)	
Defendant.)	

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Jesse Laslovich, a duly appointed, qualified Special Deputy County Attorney in and for the county of Custer, state of Montana, and, pursuant to Mont. Code Ann. § 46-11-201, having appeared and filed a written Motion and Affidavit asking the Court for leave to file an Information charging the above-named Defendant with the offenses of:

Count 1, EXPLOITATION OF AN ELDERLY PERSON (common scheme), by knowingly exploiting persons over the age of 65 in a scheme involving \$25,000 or more, a felony, in violation of Mont. Code Ann. § 52-3-825(3);

Count 2, THEFT BY EMBEZZLEMENT (common scheme) by, with the purpose to deprive persons of their property, the Defendant purposely or knowingly obtained by deception control over property entrusted to him by multiple persons in an amount of \$10,000 or more, a felony, in violation of § 45-6-301(7)(b);

Count 3, FAILURE TO REGISTER AS A SECURITIES SALESPERSON (common scheme) by offering or selling securities without registering as a securities salesperson and without an exemption, a felony, in violation of Mont. Code Ann. § 30-10-201(1);

Count 4, FAILURE TO REGISTER A SECURITY (common scheme) by offering or selling unregistered securities which were not exempt from registration, a felony, in violation of Mont. Code Ann. § 30-10-202;

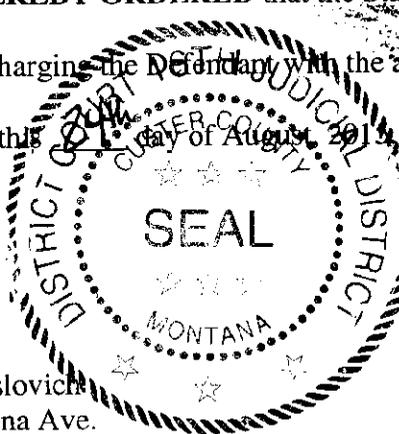
Count 5, FRAUDULENT PRACTICES (common scheme) by engaging in an act, practice, or course of business that operated as a fraud or deceit upon multiple people, a felony, in violation of § 30-10-301(c); and

Count 6, OPERATING A PYRAMID PROMOTIONAL SCHEME (Ponzi Scheme) (common scheme) by making payments to investors from money obtained from later investors rather than from money obtained from any profits or other income of an underlying or purposed underlying business venture, a felony, in violation of §§ 30-10-324(7)(b) and 30-10-325

The above Counts, as more particularly set forth in the State's Motion and Affidavit, and it appearing satisfactorily to the Court that there exists probable cause to believe that the above offenses have been committed by the Defendant:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the State of Montana should be and is granted leave to file an Information charging the Defendant with the above offenses.

DATED this 11th day of August, 2013



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. B. Hayworth".

MICHAEL B. HAYWORTH
District Court Judge

cc: Jesse Laslovich
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