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ATTORNEY GENERAL MASTO ANNOUNCES ROBERT BURKE PLEADS GUILTY TO SECURITIES FRAUD

Las Vegas, NV – Nevada Attorney General Catherine Cortez Masto announced that Texas resident, Robert Burke, 53, pled guilty on July 12 to securities fraud and conspiracy to commit securities fraud in connection with defrauding an investor out of $50,000.

"Burke's plea shows his role in a securities fraud case that harmed an innocent victim," said Masto. "Let this case serve as a warning to those who would knowingly undermine the financial well-being of others."

As a result of the guilty plea, Burke will be ordered to pay $50,000 in restitution to his victim. If Burke fails to pay restitution, he faces a maximum sentence of 20 years imprisonment.

Burke sold an interest in a limited liability company called Comedy After Hours Las Vegas, LLC, which operated a comedy show at the Fitzgerald's, by misrepresenting the terms of the investment. The crime occurred on or about July 2, 2008. He also failed to disclose that he was previously convicted of a felony fraud offense in Texas and a substantial unpaid federal tax lien.

Clark County District Court Judge Valerie Vega will sentence Burke on November 13, 2012.

The case is being prosecuted by Deputy Attorney General Jeffrey Segal. The criminal investigation was conducted by Secretary of State Ross Miller's Securities Division.

Consumers or investors who believe they have been defrauded in a securities fraud scheme can file complaints with the Secretary of State Ross Miller's Office at http://nvsos.gov/index.aspx?page=193 or 702-486-2440.

Read the amended indictment here and the guilty plea agreement here.

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