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### **Judge Orders Salyersville Man, Woman to Repay Investors** *Over \$1.3 Million Restitution Due in Securities Fraud Case*

**SALYERSVILLE, Ky. (Feb. 5, 2015)** – Today the Department of Financial Institutions (DFI) announced restitution of more than \$1.3 million was ordered to be paid to five victims in a securities fraud case in Magoffin County.

Pamela Jean Williams, 51, and Richard Dow Williams, 72, both of Salyersville, were sentenced in Magoffin County Circuit Court today. Ms. Williams was sentenced to one year and Mr. Williams was sentenced to three years – both sentences are probated for five years. However, Judge Kimberly Childers noted that if restitution is not paid within the five years, the probation can be extended.

The Williamses were charged with 10 counts each of selling unregistered securities and 5 counts of fraudulent securities practices for misrepresenting or omitting material facts about a gas well investment. Each pleaded guilty in November to a recommended charge of one consolidated fraud count with restitution to the victims.

This is the first case where DFI employees in the agency's new Prosecution Assistance Unit were appointed as assistant commonwealth's attorneys in Magoffin County and could prosecute for the duration of this case. They worked with the Magoffin County Commonwealth's Attorney's Office.

"DFI is committed to protecting investors from fraud," said DFI Commissioner Charles Vice. "The Prosecution Assistance Unit is another way we can help bring justice to those who misrepresent the products they sell and disregard securities registration requirements. We want prosecutors across the state to know of this effective resource for prosecuting complicated fraud cases."

DFI encourages those who have information about any type of investment fraud to call 800-223-2579. Investors can check out investment products and the person selling them by calling toll-free or visiting <http://kfi.ky.gov/public/Pages/invest.aspx>.

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