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FORMER INVESTMENT ADVISOR SENTENCED TO 3 ½ YEARS IN PRISON

BUFFALO, N.Y. - U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that the former investment advisor, Timothy Geidel, 48, of Hamburg, New York, was sentenced by Chief U.S. District Judge William M. Skretny to a term of imprisonment of 42 months and ordered to pay 1.3 million dollars in restitution. Geidel had entered a guilty plea to Wire Fraud, and Structuring for defrauding more than forty (40) investors out of \$1.3 million dollars. Geidel faced a maximum possible sentence of 20 years in prison, a fine of \$250,000 or both.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Russell T. Ippolito, Jr. stated that Geidel acknowledged in court that while working as an investment adviser with Georgetown Capital Group, Inc., he diverted investor funds to his own use. Between 1990 and 2010, Geidel gave victims the impression that he would be investing their money in high yield stocks, bonds, mutual funds and certificates of deposit. Instead of investing funds as he indicated to his victims, the defendant diverted some of the funds to his own use by depositing the money into his personal bank accounts. The defendant also used some of the funds to pay off earlier investors to perpetuate the scheme.

"Like all fraudsters, this defendant took advantage of the trust placed in him by the public. Today's sentence should be yet another warning that our Office intends to vigorously prosecute all who prey upon our community," said U.S. Attorney Hochul.

U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr., acknowledged that the guilty plea was a culmination of an investigation on the part of Special Agent Gregory Grammicioni of the Secret Service, under the direction of Tracy Gast, Special Agent in Charge, and Special Agent Thomas Egloff of the Internal Revenue Service, under the direction of Victor Lessoff, Acting Special Agent in Charge, New York Field Office. Detectives

from the Towns of West Seneca, Hamburg and Evans also assisted and contributed to this investigation.

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