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**MANHATTAN MAN SENTENCED TO 188 MONTHS FOR ORCHESTRATING  
MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR INVESTMENT SCAM**

MICHAEL J. GARCIA, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced that CHRISTOPH SCHLUTZ-REINEKE, was sentenced today to 188 months' imprisonment for orchestrating an investment scam that defrauded more than five hundred investors, primarily residents of Germany, out of approximately \$28 million. The sentence was imposed by United States District Judge ROBERT L. CARTER in Manhattan federal court. SCHLUTZ-REINEKE, 41, pleaded guilty on June 27, 2007 to one count of conspiracy to commit securities, mail, and wire fraud, one count of mail fraud, and three counts of wire fraud.

According to the documents filed in this case and statements made during SCHLUTZ-REINEKE's guilty plea and sentencing: SCHLUTZ-REINEKE was the owner of Results Securities, Inc. ("Results"), and Signature Investments, Inc. ("Signature"), which were investment advisory firms located in Manhattan. At SCHLUTZ-REINEKE's direction, his employees lied to investors to induce them to purchase securities listed in the United States. The promised purchases and sales of securities were never executed, however, and the trade confirmations and account statements reflecting purchases and sales of securities that were mailed to the investors by Results and Signature were fabricated. Instead of investing the investors' money, CHRISTOPH SCHLUTZ-REINEKE misappropriated those funds and spent them on a lavish life-style, on secret commissions paid to his employees, and on the operational expenses of Results and Signature. Among other things, SCHLUTZ-REINEKE used investors' money to pay the rent on his luxury Manhattan apartment, purchase and extensively renovate a multi-million dollar home in Water Mill, Long Island, lease high-end vehicles, pay credit card bills, and pay himself millions of dollars.

In addition to the prison term, Judge CARTER ordered SCHLUTZ-REINEKE to serve 3 years' supervised release, to forfeit \$21 million, and to pay restitution to the victims of his crime in the amount of \$27,497,941.76

On March 25, 2008, Judge CARTER sentenced one of SCHLUTZ-REINEKE's co-defendants, RICHARD J. SISSELMAN, 46, of Park Ridge, New Jersey, to 51 months' imprisonment for his role in the fraudulent scheme. ANDRE VOLKE pleaded guilty on June 6, 2007, and THOMAS LECH pleaded guilty on June 27, 2007, to charges in connection with this case and both await sentencing. Co-defendant FRANCESCO COPERTINO, remains at large.

Mr. GARCIA praised the efforts of the U.S. Postal Inspection Service and the Department of Homeland Security's Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and thanked the Düsseldorf, Germany, Department of Public Prosecution for its assistance in the investigation of this case.

Assistant United States Attorney THOMAS G.A. BROWN and Special Assistant United States Attorney RHONDA L. JUNG are in charge of the prosecution.

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