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## **NEWS RELEASE**

Susan L. Stinson was charged today by information<sup>1</sup> with two counts of obstruction of justice and one count of making false statements, arising from her actions to obstruct the SEC's prosecution of her husband Robert Stinson, Jr., announced United States Attorney Zane David Memeger.

On June 29, 2010, the United States Securities Exchange Commission ("SEC") filed a complaint against Robert Stinson, Jr., alleging that he had been running a "Ponzi" scheme since 2006 and had stolen millions of dollars that was spent by him, his wife Susan, and others. According to the information, that same day, the Federal Bureau of Investigation executed search warrants at various locations used by Robert Stinson, including the residence the couple shared and that had been used to perpetuate the fraud.

On November 4, 2010, Robert Stinson, Jr., was charged in a 26-count indictment with five counts of wire fraud, four counts of mail fraud, nine counts of money laundering, one count of bank fraud, three counts of filing false tax returns, two counts of obstruction of justice, and two counts of making false statements to federal agents.

## INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANTS

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE OR YEAR OF BIRTH
Susan L. Stinson	Berwyn, PA	56

If convicted the defendant faces a maximum possible sentence of 15 years' imprisonment, three years supervised release, a \$750,000 fine, and a \$300 special assessment.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the United States Postal Inspection Service, the Internal Revenue Service – Criminal Investigation, and the Securities Exchange Commission, and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney David L. Axelrod.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>An Indictment or Information is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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