

STATE OF ILLINOIS
SECRETARY OF STATE
SECURITIES DEPARTMENT

IN THE MATTER OF: WARREN K. STEFFEN,

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) File No. 1000406
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TEMPORARY ORDER OF PROHIBITION

TO THE RESPONDENTS: Warren K. Steffen
500 W. Van Buren Avenue
Las Vegas, NV 89106

On information and belief, I, Jesse White, Secretary of State for the State of Illinois, through my designated representative, having been fully advised in the premises by the staff of the Illinois Securities Department, Office of the Secretary of State, herein find:

1. That Respondent, Warren K. Steffen, is an individual with a last known address of 500 W. Van Buren Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada 89106;
2. That during the months of June and July, 2010, Respondent Warren K. Steffen offered and sold an investment plan to BS, an Illinois resident, in which Respondent represented that he would invest BS' funds in a gold purchase and reselling enterprise for which BS would receive a return of \$80,000, in which BS invested a total amount of \$4,950;
3. That Respondent Warren K. Steffen promised BS that there would be no risk in this investment;
4. That on or about July 26, 2010, Respondent Warren K. Steffen represented to BS that she would receive the aforesaid \$80,000 within a week;
5. That BS did not receive the aforesaid \$80,000 within the aforesaid represented time frame and that as of this date, BS has never received any of the aforesaid \$80,000 return as represented and/or promised by Respondent;
6. That Respondent Warren K. Steffen never invested BS funds in the manner so represented, but rather withdrew said funds in cash;

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7. That Respondent Warren K. Steffen advised BS that he was offering and selling similar investments to other individuals;
8. That the aforesaid investment plan is an investment contract and therefore a security as that term is defined pursuant to Section 2.1. of the Illinois Securities Law of 1953 [815 ILCS 5/1 et seq.] (the "Act");
9. That Section 5 of the Act provides, inter alia, that all securities except those exempt under Section 3 of the Act or those offered and sold in transactions exempt under Section 4 of the Act shall be registered with the Secretary of State prior to their offer or sale in the State of Illinois;
10. That Section 12.A of the Act provides, inter alia, that it shall be a violation of the Act for any person to offer or sell securities except in accordance with the provisions of the Act;
11. That Section 12.C of the Act provides, inter alia, that it shall be a violation of the Act for any person to act as a dealer or salesperson unless registered as such, where such registration is required;
12. That Section 12.D of the Act provides, inter alia, that it shall be a violation of the Act for any person to fail to file with the Secretary of State any document or application required to be filed under the provisions of the Act;
13. That Section 12.G of the Act provides, inter alia, that it shall be a violation of the Act for any person to obtain money or property through the sale of securities by means of any untrue statement of material fact or any omission to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements made, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading;
14. That at all times relevant hereto, Respondent Warren K. Steffen failed to file an application for registration of the above-referenced securities with the Secretary of State prior to their offer or sale in the State of Illinois;

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15. That at all times relevant hereto, Respondent, Warren K. Steffen failed to file an application for registration as a dealer or salesperson for the sales of securities in the State of Illinois;
16. That at all times relevant hereto, Respondent, Warren K. Steffen acted as a dealer and/or salesperson of securities while not being registered as such;
17. That at all times relevant hereto, Respondent Warren K. Steffen, obtained money through the sale of securities by means of an untrue statement of material fact or omission to state a material fact, by representing to BS that he was going to invest her money in a gold purchase and reselling enterprise and that BS would receive a return of \$80,000 within a week of a July 26, 2010, conversation with the Respondent, where in fact Respondent did not invest these funds as represented, but rather withdrew said funds in cash and as of this date, BS has never received any return whatsoever regarding her funds;
18. That by virtue of the foregoing, Respondent Warren K. Steffen has violated Sections 12.A, 12.C, 12.D and 12.G of the Act;
19. That Section 11.F.(2) of the Act provides, inter alia, that the Secretary of State may temporarily suspend or prohibit the offer or sale of securities by any person if the Secretary of State in his or her opinion, based upon credible evidence, deems it necessary to prevent an imminent violation of the Act or to prevent losses to investors which the Secretary of State reasonably believes will occur as a result of a prior violation of the Act;
20. That based upon the foregoing, the Secretary of State deems it necessary, in order to prevent imminent and additional violations of the Act, and to prevent losses to investors as a result of the referenced prior violation of the Act, to enter an order pursuant to the authority granted under Section 11.F of the Act which prohibits Respondent Warren K. Steffen from offering and/or selling securities in the State of Illinois; and
21. That based upon the credible evidence available to the Secretary of State, the entry of this Temporary Order is in the public interest and is consistent with the purposes of the Act.

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NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT: pursuant to the authority granted by Section 11.F of the Act, Respondent Warren K. Steffen is hereby PROHIBITED from offering and/or selling securities in or from the State of Illinois until further order of the Secretary of State.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Respondent may request a hearing on this matter by transmitting such request in writing to Securities Director, Illinois Securities Department, 300 West Jefferson, Suite 300A, Springfield, Illinois 62702. Such request must be made within thirty (30) days of the date of entry of this Temporary Order. Upon receipt of a request for hearing, a hearing will be scheduled. Request for hearing will not stop the effectiveness of this Temporary Order and will extend the effectiveness of this Temporary Order for ninety days from the date the hearing request is received by the Department.

FAILURE BY ANY RESPONDENT TO REQUEST A HEARING WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF THIS TEMPORARY ORDER SHALL CONSTITUTE AN ADMISSION OF ANY FACTS ALLEGED HEREIN AND CONSTITUTES SUFFICIENT BASIS TO MAKE THE TEMPORARY ORDER FINAL.

ENTERED: This 3rd day of December, 2010



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State of Illinois

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