

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
SECRETARY OF STATE
SECURITIES DEPARTMENT**

IN THE MATTER OF: CARLOS MEZA) **No. C1300441**
and MILWAUKEE McPHERSON, LLC.)
)

TEMPORARY ORDER OF PROHIBITION

TO THE RESPONDENTS: CARLOS MEZA
1324 Royal Oak Lane
Lake in The Hills, IL
60156

MILWAUKEE McPHERSON, LLC.
860 Old Willow Road
STE 232
Prospect Heights, IL
60070

MILWAUKEE McPHERSON, LLC.
850 Old Willow Road
STE 115
Prospect Heights, IL
60070

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

FACTS COMMON TO ALL COUNTS

1. Respondent Carlos Meza ("Meza") is a resident of Illinois with a last known address of 1324 Royal Oak Lane, Lake in The Hills, IL 60656.
2. Milwaukee McPherson ("McPherson") is an Illinois LLC established by Meza and Gladys McPherson, with a recorded address of 860 Old Willow Road, STE 232 in Prospect Heights, Illinois. However, Meza operated McPherson from his former apartment 850 Old Willow Road, STE 115.

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3. Gladys McPherson is the mother of Meza and is the agent for McPherson.
4. During all relevant times herein Meza exerted near complete control over Milwaukee McPherson, its business, and its bank account.
5. During 2012 through 2013 Meza solicited Illinois residents to invest with his company, McPherson, which would then invest the money into Renaissance Capital Group, LLC., of Westlake Village in California ("Renaissance").
6. Meza promised investors returns as high as 20% on their investment.
7. From May 16, 2012, to August of 2012, Investor 1 wired \$315,000.00 to Meza's McPherson bank account.
8. Of those funds Meza sent only \$180,000.00 to the escrow agent for Renaissance.
9. The balance of Investor 1's money is unaccounted for and was not wired to Renaissance or its escrow agent.
10. Investor 1 would invest an additional \$418,752.00 in October of 2012, \$400,000.00 of which Meza sent to Renaissance, and the balance back to Investor 1.
11. During August of 2012 Meza approached second Illinois resident ("Investor 2") to ask for a loan of \$50,000.00 to repair Meza's pick-up truck.
12. Investor 2 provided the funds on August 27, and Meza forwarded Investor 2's money to Renaissance, despite Investor 2 having not consented to any investment.
13. Meza provided Investor 2 with a check to pay back the \$50,000.00, however, soon after tendering the check Meza had instructed his bank to not honor it.
14. In September of 2012 Meza approached a third Illinois resident ("Investor 3") to solicit his McPherson-Renaissance investment and obtained \$50,000.00 from Investor 3 which was deposited into the McPherson account.
15. Immediately after Investor 3's \$50,000.00 was deposited, rather than wire the funds to Renaissance or its escrow agent, Meza withdrew the money.
16. In June of 2013 Meza would obtain an additional \$250,000.00 from Investor 3 to be invested in a different company than Renaissance, A Michigan-based company that Meza claimed would provide better returns, however, Meza has not paid Investor 3 any of his principal or promised return.

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17. On December 9, 2013, Meza returned to Investor 2 to solicit an investment into a proof of funds investment managed, according to Meza, by PNC Bank.
18. Meza requested Investor 2 invest \$1,000,000.00 and in 30 days PNC would provide a \$5,000,000.00 Collateralized Mortgage Obligation to Meza.
19. PNC Bank has no such program.
20. Meza is currently under indictment for financial fraud, in particular, indulging in a check-kiting scheme.

VIOLATIONS

21. Section 12.A The Illinois Securities Law of 1953, 815 ILCS 5/1 *et seq*, (The "Act") states that it shall be a violation of the provisions of the Act to offer or sell any security except in accordance with the provisions of this Act.
22. Section 5 of the Act states that all securities offered or sold in Illinois must first be registered unless they are subject to exemption.
23. Section 12.C of the Act states that it shall be a violation for any person to act as a dealer, salesperson, investment advisor or investment advisor representative, unless registered as such, where such registration is required under the provisions of this Act.
24. Section 12.F of the Act states that it shall be a violation of the provisions of this Act for any person to, "engage in any transaction, practice or course of business in connection with the sale or purchase of securities which works or tends to work a fraud or deceit upon the purchaser or seller thereof.
25. Section 12.G of the Act states that it shall be a violation of the provisions of this Act for any person to obtain money or property through the sale of securities by means of any untrue statement of a material fact or any omission to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.
26. Meza was not registered to offer or sell securities in Illinois, nor was his company Milwaukee McPherson, nor were any of the investments he was to place the Investors' money registered for sale in Illinois, in violation of Sections 12.A, 12.C and 5 of the Act.
27. Meza lied to Investors when he promised to invest their money into the respective investment schemes when in reality Meza took all or some of their money for personal use, in violation of Sections 12.A, 12.F and 12.G of the Act.

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28. Meza did not disclose to Investors that he was not registered to offer or sell securities in Illinois, nor did he disclose that the purported investment with Renaissance was not registered to be sold in Illinois, in violation of Sections 12.A, 12.F and 12.G of the Act.
29. Meza lied to Investor 2 to obtain \$50,000.00; claiming the money was to repair Meza's truck, when in fact Meza, without Investor 2's knowledge or consent, gave Investor 2's money to Renaissance, in violation of Sections 12.A, 12.F and 12.G of the Act.
30. Meza lied to Investor 2 when Meza solicited Investor 2 for \$1,000,000.00 for the non-existent PNC proof of funds investment, in violation of Sections 12.A, 12.F and 12.G of the Act.
31. Meza lied to Investor 3 when he promised Investor 3 a return on his principal of \$250,000.00, when Meza has not provided Investor 3 the principal or promised return, in violation of Sections 12.A, 12.F and 12.G of the Act.
32. Section 11.F(2) of the Act states that the Secretary of State may temporarily prohibit or suspend, by an order effective immediately, the offer or sale of securities if the Secretary of State shall in his or her opinion, based on credible evidence, deem it necessary to prevent an imminent violation of the Act or to prevent losses to investors.
33. This action is necessary to prevent losses to investors and to protect the public as the above described evidence shows that Respondent Meza has committed fraud in the sale of securities and has been indicted on matters relating to financial fraud.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT: pursuant to the authority granted by Section 11.F of the Act, Respondent **CARLOS MEZA** is **PROHIBITED** from offering or selling securities in or from this State until further Order of the Secretary of State.

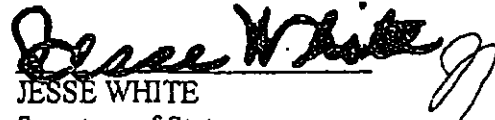
NOTICE is hereby given that Respondent may request a hearing on this matter by transmitting such request in writing to the Director, Illinois Securities Department, 69 W. Washington Street, Suite 1220, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Such request must be made within thirty (30) calendar days of the date of entry the Temporary Order of Prohibition. Upon receipt of a request for hearing, a hearing will be scheduled as soon as reasonably practicable. A request for hearing will not stop the effectiveness of this Temporary Order and will extend the effectiveness of this Temporary Order for sixty days from the date the hearing request is received by the Department.

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

Dated: This 6th day of May 2014.



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Secretary of State
State of Illinois

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