

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**  
**Before the**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**  
**Release No. 64716 / June 21, 2011**

**ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING**  
**File No. 3-14434**

**In the Matter of**

**Alvin C. Ramsey,**

**Respondent.**

**ORDER INSTITUTING ADMINISTRATIVE  
PROCEEDINGS PURSUANT TO SECTION  
15(b) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE  
ACT OF 1934 AND NOTICE OF HEARING**

**I.**

The Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) deems it appropriate and in the public interest that public administrative proceedings be, and hereby are, instituted pursuant to Section 15(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Exchange Act”) against Alvin C. Ramsey (“Ramsey” or “Respondent”).

**II.**

After an investigation, the Division of Enforcement alleges that:

A. RESPONDENT

1. Ramsey, 44 years old, is a previously registered representative who, for the period of time in which he engaged in the conduct underlying the criminal information described below, was associated with a broker-dealer and investment adviser dually registered with the Commission, located in Birmingham, Alabama and Martinez, Georgia.

B. RESPONDENT’S CRIMINAL CONVICTION

2. On November 3, 2010, the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Georgia entered a judgment against Ramsey after Ramsey pleaded guilty to one count of mail fraud in violation of Title 18 United States Code, Section 1341, in United States of America v. Alvin Charles Ramsey, Case No. 1:10-cr-00132. Ramsey was sentenced to fifty months in custody

with three years of supervised release after incarceration and ordered to make restitution in the amount of \$494,000.05.

3. The count of the criminal information to which Ramsey pleaded guilty alleged, inter alia, that from June 2005 to January 2008, Ramsey knowingly and willfully devised and intended to devise a scheme and artifice to defraud and misappropriate more than \$400,000 from a customer by means of false and fraudulent pretenses, representations, promises, and omissions, by use of a commercial interstate carrier.

### III.

In view of the allegations made by the Division of Enforcement, the Commission deems it necessary and appropriate in the public interest that public administrative proceedings be instituted to determine:

A. Whether the allegations set forth in Section II hereof are true and, in connection therewith, to afford Respondent an opportunity to establish any defenses to such allegations; and

B. What, if any, remedial action is appropriate in the public interest against Respondent pursuant to Section 15(b) of the Exchange Act.

### IV.

IT IS ORDERED that a public hearing for the purpose of taking evidence on the questions set forth in Section III hereof shall be convened at a time and place to be fixed, and before an Administrative Law Judge to be designated by further order as provided by Rule 110 of the Commission's Rules of Practice, 17 C.F.R. § 201.110.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Respondent shall file an Answer to the allegations contained in this Order within twenty (20) days after service of this Order, as provided by Rule 220 of the Commission's Rules of Practice, 17 C.F.R. § 201.220.

If Respondent fails to file the directed answer, or fails to appear at a hearing after being duly notified, the Respondent may be deemed in default and the proceedings may be determined against him upon consideration of this Order, the allegations of which may be deemed to be true as provided by Rules 155(a), 220(f), 221(f) and 310 of the Commission's Rules of Practice, 17 C.F.R. §§ 201.155(a), 201.220(f), 201.221(f) and 201.310.

This Order shall be served forthwith upon Respondent personally or by certified mail.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Administrative Law Judge shall issue an initial decision no later than 210 days from the date of service of this Order, pursuant to Rule 360(a)(2) of the Commission's Rules of Practice.

In the absence of an appropriate waiver, no officer or employee of the Commission engaged in the performance of investigative or prosecuting functions in this or any factually related proceeding will be permitted to participate or advise in the decision of this matter, except as witness or counsel in proceedings held pursuant to notice. Since this proceeding is not “rule making” within the meaning of Section 551 of the Administrative Procedure Act, it is not deemed subject to the provisions of Section 553 delaying the effective date of any final Commission action.

By the Commission.

Elizabeth M. Murphy  
Secretary