

November 18, 2002

Dear BFA Investor:

As you may recall, the Arizona Grand Jury returned a 32-Count indictment against the remaining five defendants in the BFA criminal case. The defendants, William Crotts, Thomas Grabinski, Lawrence Hoover, Harold Friend, and Richard Rolfes have once again been charged with numerous counts of *Fraudulent Schemes and Artifices, Illegally Conducting an Enterprise, and Theft*.

Previously, we notified you that an arraignment would be held, in which the defendants would be advised of their charges and afforded the opportunity to plead guilty or not-guilty. Because the defendants were re-indicted on the same charges with which they were previously charged, a second arraignment will not be necessary.

The next scheduled hearing will be a Status Conference, which has been scheduled for November 25, 2002, at 9:00 a.m., before the Honorable Frank T. Galati, Maricopa County Superior Court, East Court Building, 8th Floor, 101 West Jefferson, Phoenix, AZ, 85003. At the Status Conference, the attorneys and the court address legal matters regarding admissibility and suppression of evidence, plea negotiations, or other matters relevant to the case, including scheduling or re-scheduling of the trial itself.

We hope this information has been helpful to you and want to assure you that we will continue to keep you informed regarding the status and progress of this case. If you have any questions regarding the criminal case, please call our BFA Help Line at (602) 364-1275. Callers in the State of Arizona, but outside Maricopa County, may reach the BFA Help Line at 1-866-823-6577. Additionally, you may email the Office of Victim Services at bfa@ag.state.az.us.

Sincerely,

Office of Victim Services

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