## ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING

## **BEFORE THE**

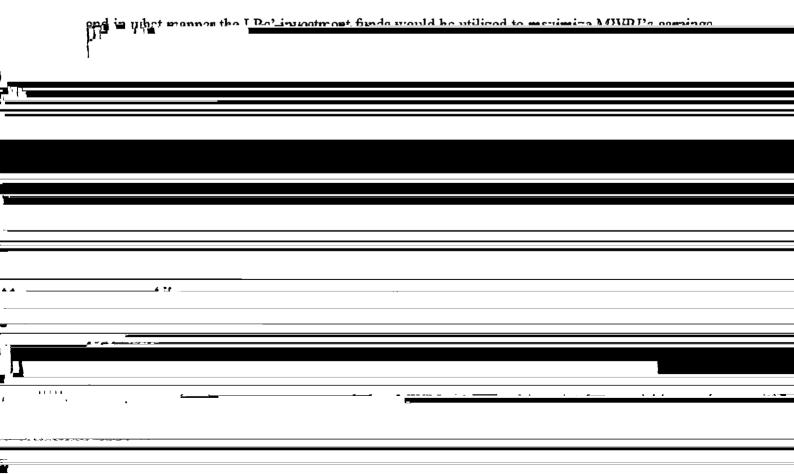
# SECURITIES COMMISSIONER OF SOUTH CAROLINA

	IN THE MATTER OF:  Randy Wright  and  Melissa Wright Realty Investments, LLC,  Respondents.	ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST  File No. 07016
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- In soliciting funds from the LRs, Wright, acting on behalf of himself and MWRI, 12. represented that Respondents had significant experience in successfully buying, renovating, and reselling properties for profit.
- 13. In soliciting funds from the LRs, Wright and MWRI did not indicate the LRs needed to do anything to participate except provide money.
- 14. Based on Wright's and MWRI's representations, on or about May 29, 2006, the LRs invested twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) with the Respondents.
- 15. At the time of their investment, the LRs received a written agreement (the "Agreement") from Wright and MWRI.
- 16. Pursuant to the Agreement, MWRI was to have sole discretion in deciding where



LRs investment, Respondents had previously purchased only one investment property, rather than the many they indicated to the LRs.

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- 30. MWRI represents that it will pay investors 10% to 15% interest on funds they invest.
- 31. MWRI represents that no effort is required on the part of the investors to receive the 10% to 15% return.
  - 32, MWRI represents that persons who lend money to MWRI can exit the program at

any time with no penalty.

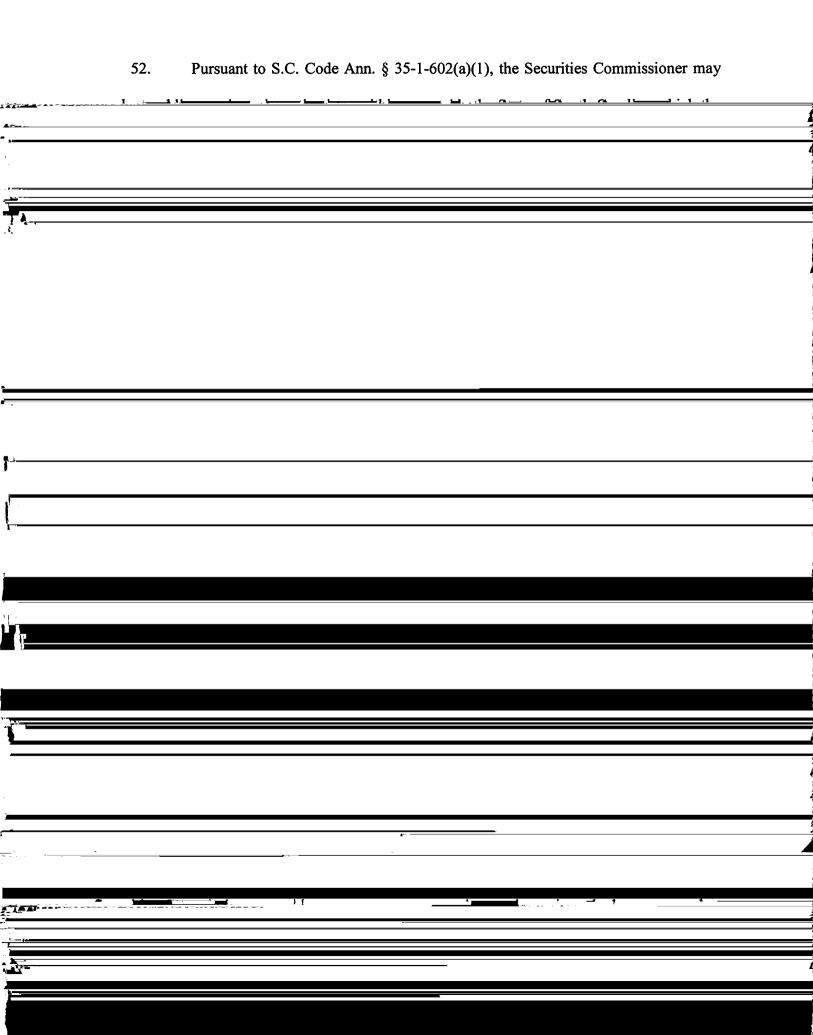
33. MWRI represents that there is no risk involved with lending money for the purchase, renovation, and sale of real estate.

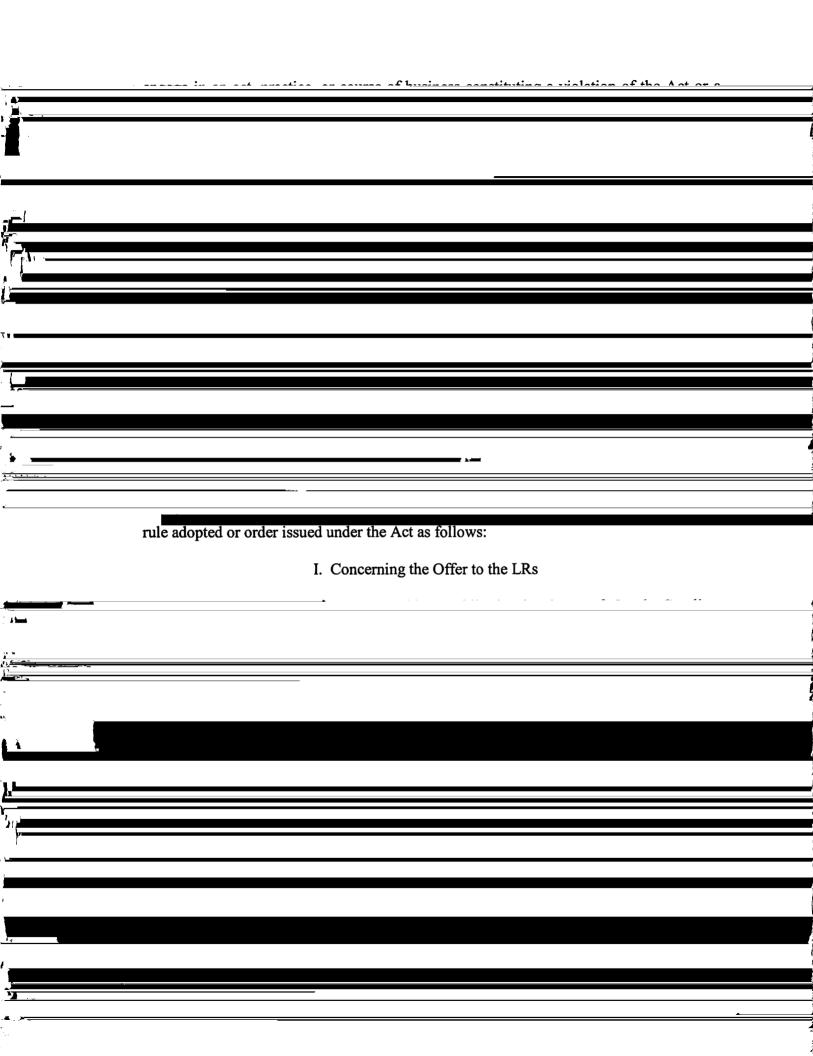
#### Other Relevant Facts

- 34. On August 17, 2007, a subpoena was issued to Wright requiring him to appear on August 29, 2007, and testify concerning the activities of MWRI and Wright.
- 35. Wright complied with the subpoena by appearing on August 29, 2007, and testifying under oath regarding the activities under investigation.

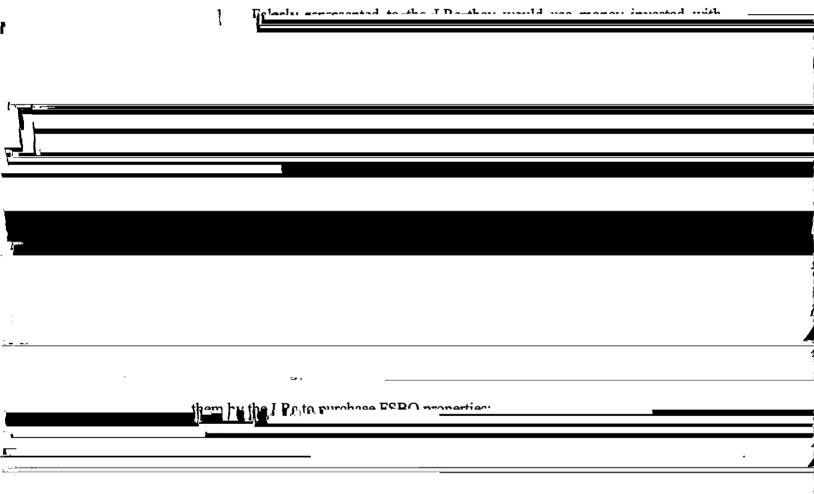
any property, manage their funds, or perform duties other than placing their money with the Respondents.

(A) Not more than twenty-five purchasers are present in this State during any twelve consecutive months, excluding purchasers exempt by S. C. Code Ann. § 35-1-202(13); A general solicitation or general advertising is not made in connection with the (B) offer to sell or sale of the securities; A commission or other remuneration is not paid or given, directly or indirectly, (C) to a person other than a broker-dealer registered pursuant to the Act or an agent registered pursuant to the Act for soliciting a prospective purchaser in this State; and those designated in S. C. Code Ann. § 35-1-202(13), are purchasing for investment.





- j. Respondent Wright violated S. C. Code Ann. § 35-1-402 when he transacted business in this State without first becoming registered as an agent or being exempt from registration.
- k. Respondents violated S.C. Code Ann. § 35-1-501 and engaged in securities fraud when they:



2. Represented to the LRs they would pay the LRs a 100% profit four months after the LRs invested and other profits of 100% every three to four

d.	The investment offered is a	"security"	as defined by S.	C. Code Ann.	§ 35-1-
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e.	The security offered	by	Respond	lents i	is no	t now	and	during	the	time	period

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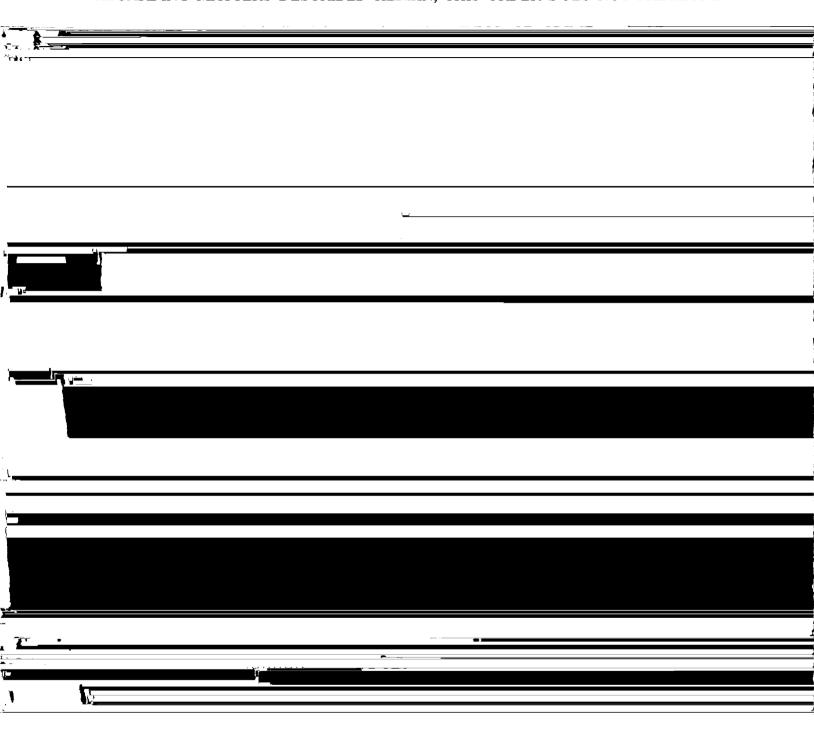
- f. Respondents are not now and during the time of the offering described above were not registered to offer or sell securities in or from the State of South Carolina.
- g. The exemption from registration claimed by the Respondents is not applicable because a general solicitation occurred.
- h. Respondents violated S.C. Code Ann. § 35-1-501 and engaged in securities fraud when they:
  - 1. Represented they use money invested with them to purchase homes for resale or lease when they have not purchased any homes for resale or lease;
  - 2. Represented they would pay 10% to 15% on the money invested when they have not paid 10% or 15% to any investors; and
    - 3 Represented they managed the property when they have not managed any

hearing and a hearing officer or any other legal authority resolves this matter, pay a civil penalty in an amount not to exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) for each violation of the Act by each Respondent, and the actual cost of the investigation or proceeding.

# REQUIREMENT OF ANSWER AND NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

Respondents are hereby notified that they each have the right to a hearing on the matters

## REGARDING MATTERS DESCRIBED HEREIN, THIS ORDER DOES NOT PRECLUDE



IT IS SO ORDERED.

This 22 nd day of October, 2007

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