DECLARATION

I, Dr. Ronald K. Filippi, proffer this Declaration, prepared in the State of Florida, County of Collier, under penalty of perjury, based upon my personal knowledge and observation, to which I will credibly testify, in which I declare as follows:

- 1. I am Dr. Ronald K. Filippi, MD (retired), an eighty year old resident of Collier County, Florida, born March 26, 1930.
- 2. I currently reside at 5960 Pelican Bay Blvd., Apt. 312, in Naples, Florida 34108.
- 3. In mid January, 2008, I met Peter Janos Pintarics at the Pelican Bay South Tennis Center. Several residents of Pelican Bay were there to play tennis, and we were discussing the declining value of our savings in today's economy.
- 4. Pintarics introduced himself as an "Investment Broker" and provided a business card to that effect. He explained to us that he had a unique system of wealth preservation that involved the diversification of investment across four areas: FOREX (currency trading), Precious Metals (gold), Shorting/Hedging and Penny Stocks.
- 5. Pintarics proposed that I invest with him and assured me an annual return on my investment of no less than twenty-five percent (25%). As "proof" that I could count on a return on my investment of no less than 25%, Pintarics offered me a <u>Promissory Note</u> in the amount of \$125,000 to cover my \$100,000 investment saying that he would pay me the \$125,000 and the difference between the 25% guaranteed return incorporated into the Note and the actual rate of return on my investment at the end of the year.

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- 6. On January 24, 2008, I gave Pintarics a check for \$100,000 and he gave me the \$125,000 Promissory Note dated that same day. Copies of my Fidelity check number 1924 and the Promissory Note are appended to this Declaration as exhibits.
- 7. During the year that followed, Pintarics received regular calls on his cell phone while he was in my presence from an individual involved in his investment business advising him that he was realizing gains on various investments in the tens of thousands of dollars. Pintarics told me that his "system" predicted financial meltdowns on the horizon and he encouraged me to invest another \$200,000 with him.
- 8. Again, Pintarics assured me that I would receive no less than a twenty-five percent (25%) return on my investment and again, as proof that my investment would yield at least 25%, he offered me a <u>Promissory Note</u> in the amount of \$250,000 to cover my \$200,000 investment further promising that he would pay me the \$250,000 and the difference between the 25% guaranteed return incorporated into the <u>Promissory Note</u> and the actual rate of return on my investment at the end of the year.
- 9. On November 20, 2008, in fear of losing my life's savings in the financial collapse that Pintarics predicted, I gave Pintarics a check for \$200,000 and he gave me the \$250,000 Promissory Note dated that same day. Copies of my Fidelity check number 1932 and the Promissory Note are appended to this <u>Declaration</u> as exhibits.
- 10. Pintarics did not pay. Aside from a token payment of \$18,750 in February or March 2009, I have received nothing. When I threatened to sue him, he informed me that all the investment capital he persuaded members of the community to entrust him to manage for them was lost. This makes no sense because he told me that most of my money would be invested in gold. How could money invested in gold be "lost." At this point I have lost \$281,250 virtually my entire life's savings.

11. It is rumored that Pintarics has left the Country, perhaps absconding to Panama.

12. In sum, I was taken advantage of by a very smooth operator who targeted senior

citizens, and capitalized upon the fears of senior citizens during this difficult time for

our economy. I am afraid that Pintarics will continue to harm people until

governmental authorities stop him.

FURTHER DECLARANT SAYETH NOT.

I declare under penalty of perjury, pursuant to the provisions of 28 U.S.C. §1746, and Florida Law, that all of the statements made in this Declaration are true and correct to the best of my information, knowledge, and belief.

Executed this 25th day of February, 2011, in Collier County, Florida.

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