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#### **ARKANSAS SECURITIES COMMISSIONER ISSUES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE AGAINST COMPANY OPERATING WWW.SAFEDINAR.COM**

A. Heath Abshure, Arkansas Securities Commissioner, today entered an Order to Show Cause against Dartmouth Capital, LLC, of Boston, Massachusetts. According to Abshure's Order, Dartmouth was selling Iraqi dinars through its website, [www.safedinar.com](http://www.safedinar.com), to Arkansas investors without the proper license. Abshure's Order indicates that Arkansas residents were encouraged to purchase the Iraqi dinars through Dartmouth's website by the pastor of a church in El Dorado, Arkansas.

"This is a continuation of a scheme the Arkansas Securities Department started seeing in 2006 and 2007," said Shannon Underwood, attorney for the Arkansas Securities Department. "A number of Internet websites offered Iraqi dinars promising that the dinars would be a great investment when the value of the Iraqi money increased."

With the current market volatility and unprecedented turmoil on Wall Street, the Department is concerned that scam artists are using the public's fears to sell fraudulent investments with promises of high returns and no risk. "Falling dollar values and a turbulent stock market have led to increased recommendations to invest in foreign currencies," said Underwood. "Con artists prey on the public's fear by promising guaranteed returns and no-risk investments. Foreign currency trading is highly speculative. Investors need to be wary of any promises of quick profits, low risks, official-sounding but vaguely described businesses, or unique investments - no matter who makes the recommendation."

Underwood pointed out that the Department's investigation into Dartmouth Capital, LLC, was continuing. If any person has information regarding [www.safedinar.com](http://www.safedinar.com), Dartmouth, or any other program to invest in Iraqi dinar, they are encouraged to contact Department Attorney Shannon Underwood at (501) 324-9260 or (800) 981-4429.