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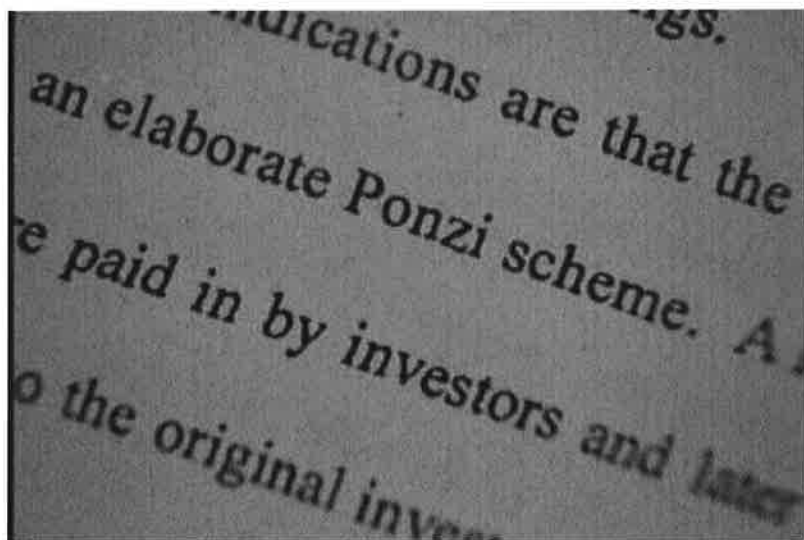
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## Former Anderson County Councilman Charged In Alleged Ponzi Scheme

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An Anderson County businessman has been arrested, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office.

Ron Wilson is charged with mail fraud after a criminal complaint.

It's what investors say they've been waiting to hear.

Wednesday US prosecutors arrested and charged former Anderson County Council Member Ron Wilson with mail fraud.

But his time behind bars did not last long his wife posted his bail of one million dollars.

That made investors like Candy Kern-Fuller angry, since all of Wilson's assets and accounts were frozen.

"I was really surprised that he was allowed to use assets that I thought were ceased to post his own bond, I understand they were in his wife's name," Investor and Attorney, Candy Kern-Fuller said.

The affidavit obtained by 7 on your side shows Wilson sold shares of silver that never existed and paid investors with other investors money.

The affidavit also shows three people recruited investors for Wilson. Among those named in the affidavit include former Anderson County Administrator Joey Preston, AB&C Administrative Assistant Stephanie Whitman Robins and former AB&C Vice President Jena Gail Eison. Attempts to reach Eison and Robins for comment were unsuccessful. When reached for comment, Preston's attorney, Kern-Fuller, said that he was an investor with Wilson and was a victim of the scheme.

Investigators say that made it easier to gain people's trust and take their money.

"I looked at his experience in the community of 26 years and I allowed that to overrule what some of the other signs could have been," Kern-Fuller said.

If convicted Wilson could face up to 20 years in jail and a \$250,000 fine.

Wilson is also the subject of a class action law suit.

If you are an investor looking to get involved in the suit you can call Upstate Law Group at (864) 855-3114, or Covington, Patrick Hagins Stern and Lewis at (864) 242-9000.

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