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Attorney General James Uthmeier Announces Conviction of Former Financial Adviser for Defrauding Elderly, Disabled Victim

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Attorney General James Uthmeier’s Office of Statewide Prosecution secured a conviction against former licensed financial adviser Matthew Vincent Muratori for crimes related to the exploitation and financial abuse of an elderly and disabled Floridian. A Pinellas County jury found Muratori guilty of Exploitation of an Elderly Adult, Criminal Use of Personal Identification Information, Grand Theft from a Person 65 Years of Age or Older, and Organized Scheme to Defraud.

“This wasn’t just theft—it was betrayal,” said **Attorney General James Uthmeier**. “This con artist abused his position of trust to drain a vulnerable Floridian’s life savings, and it’s unacceptable. This guilty verdict is a victory for our Statewide Prosecutors, the Office of Financial Regulation, and the people of Florida.”

Beginning in 2019 and continuing through 2020, Muratori unlawfully transferred \$152,600 of the victim’s funds through a series of Cash App and Venmo transactions without the victim’s knowledge or consent. He further used the victim’s personal identification information to impersonate the victim in phone calls to a financial institution and gain unauthorized access to financial accounts.

The case was investigated by the Florida Office of Financial Regulation, with support from the New York office of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA). Assistant Statewide Prosecutors Panagiota Papakos and Ryan Shaw prosecuted the case.

Muratori’s sentencing is scheduled for September 25. The conviction carries a 10-year mandatory minimum prison sentence.

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