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### **Attorney General Frosh, Securities Division Issue Cease and Desist Against Jung Tae Kim** *Division Alleges Financial Exploitation of Senior Citizens*

**BALTIMORE, MD (March 9, 2018)** – Maryland Attorney General Brian E. Frosh announced today that his Securities Division has issued a [Summary Order to Cease and Desist](#) against Jung Tae Kim, also known as Chung Tae Lee or Edward X. Kim. The Division alleges that Kim, operating in Montgomery County, engaged in fraud against Marylanders, including financially exploiting senior citizens, and acted as an unregistered investment adviser, investment adviser representative, broker-dealer, and agent. The Securities Division discovered Kim’s conduct by a report filed under a new law requiring securities firms and professionals, including broker-dealers and investment advisers, to notify the Securities Commissioner of possible financial exploitation of vulnerable adults.

“Taking advantage of our senior citizens, defrauding them of their assets, is illegal,” said Attorney General Frosh. “As a result of recent changes to the Maryland Securities Act, our Securities Division is able to pursue cases that otherwise may have gone undetected.”

The Securities Division is seeking sanctions against Kim, including fines and a permanent bar from the securities and investment advisory business in Maryland.

According to the Order, Kim presented himself as a former Wall-Street broker and adviser with a “top level” license who could manage Marylanders’ investments, guaranteeing that investors would not lose money. Kim had investors set up their own accounts with a discount brokerage firm, who then turned their account access over to Kim. Kim engaged in a high volume of securities trading, creating a smokescreen to drain the accounts and gradually diverted investors’ money to his bank account for his own personal use.

The Attorney General encourages anyone who invested monies with Jung Tae Kim a/k/a Chung Tae Lee a/k/a Edward X. Kim to contact the Securities Division at 410-576-6882 or by email at [securities@oag.state.md.us](mailto:securities@oag.state.md.us). Investors are strongly encouraged to check with the Securities Division before they invest or entrust their monies to a financial adviser to verify that the individual is appropriately registered, and to inquire about the adviser’s disciplinary history.