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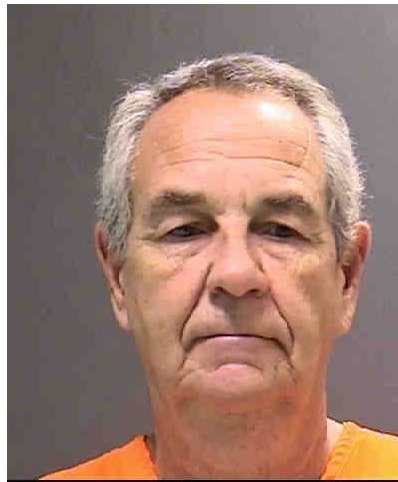


**Date: 07/08/09**

**Released By: Wendy Rose**

**NR #:09-140**

## **Scheme to Defraud Arrest**



The Sarasota County Sheriff's Office today arrested John Terry Drury, W/M, DOB 3/11/47, 8517 Great Meadow Dr., Sarasota, and charged him with one count of Scheme to Defraud Greater than \$50,000.

Detectives say Drury, former CEO of Mainstream Fiber Optic, Inc., 5124 Redbriar Court, Sarasota, collected \$157,000 from investors and provided them with "convertible notes" to show they invested in the business and would receive potential investment growth in return. Owners of Mainstream Fiber Optic launched an internal investigation when they noticed no investment activity into the business. They found that the defendant transferred investment money along with business money from the business account to his personal Orion Bank account, and the owners reported the incident to the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office. Detectives say Drury fraudulently obtained a total of \$440,419 from the company and its investors between January 2007 and December 2008.