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**SKYLYNX COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATE CHAIRMAN AND CEO SENTENCED
TO FIVE YEARS IN PRISON FOR MULTIMILLION-DOLLAR STOCK SCHEME**

CAMDEN, N.J. – Gary L. Brown, the former corporate chairman and CEO of Skylynx Communications, Inc., was sentenced today to 60 months in prison for his role in operating a multimillion-dollar stock fraud and money laundering scheme, United States Attorney Paul J. Fishman announced.

Brown, 62, of Ellenton, Florida, pleaded guilty before United States District Judge Jerome B. Simandle on January 21, 2010, to a criminal Information charging him with conspiracy to commit securities fraud, wire fraud, and money laundering. Judge Simandle also imposed the sentence today in Camden federal court.

At his plea hearing, Brown admitted that he and co-conspirators Joseph F. Morgan, Edward McPhee, and others acquired ownership and control of a substantial number of Skylynx stock shares without disclosing their ownership and control to the investing public. Brown further admitted that he and his co-conspirators paid bribes to securities brokers in the form of undisclosed cash and Skylynx stock. In exchange for the bribes, brokers purchased Skylynx stock in their retail customers' brokerage accounts. Brown also admitted that he and his co-conspirators caused false and fraudulent consulting agreements to be issued which were designed to allow the stock promoters to receive free-trading Skylynx shares which they could later sell for substantial profit and to artificially inflate the price of the stock. As the corrupt promoters and brokers were causing the public to purchase Skylynx stock, thereby increasing the share price, Brown and his co-conspirators secretly sold their shares into the manipulated market, making millions.

In addition to the prison term, Judge Simandle sentenced Brown to three years of supervised release and ordered him to pay restitution in an amount to be determined. The judge also ordered Brown to forfeit \$651,750.90 to be paid to the victims of his offense. Judge Simandle continued Brown's release on a \$70,000 secured bond pending his surrender to the U.S. Bureau of Prisons.

In determining an actual sentence, Judge Simandle consulted the advisory U.S. Sentencing Guidelines, which recommend sentencing ranges that take into account the severity and characteristics of the offense, the defendant's criminal history, if any, and other factors. Parole has been abolished in the federal system. Defendants who are given custodial terms must serve nearly all of that time.

Judge Simandle sentenced Morgan to 48 months in prison on March 4, 2008; McPhee awaits sentencing.

U.S. Attorney Fishman praised special agents of the FBI's Atlantic City Resident Agency, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Michael B. Ward in Newark, New Jersey, and special agents of the IRS – Criminal Investigation Division's May's Landing Office, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge William P. Offord, for the investigation leading to today's sentence.

The government is represented by Assistant U.S. Attorney R. Stephen Stigall of the United States Attorney's Office Criminal Division in Camden.

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