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MUELLER SENTENCED TO MAXIMUM

The former hedge fund manager who ran a multi-million dollar Ponzi scheme was given the maximum prison sentence today in Denver District Court.

Sean Michael Mueller (dob: 08-31-68) pleaded guilty earlier to *violating the Colorado Organized Crime Control Act (COCCA) (F2), securities fraud (F3) and theft (F3)* and was sentenced to a total of 40 years in the Colorado Department of Corrections. Restitution was ordered in the amount of \$65,462,701.79 and may be amended later.

Chief Deputy District Attorney Joseph Morales and several victims argued for the maximum sentence, citing the life-changing impact of Mueller's lies and deception.

Mueller also addressed the Court, apologizing to investors, friends and family for what he had done.