

Mass. steps up pressure on Madoff associate

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BOSTON – Authorities have stepped up pressure on an associate of alleged Ponzi mastermind Bernard Madoff to testify before the Massachusetts Securities Division.

State officials yesterday subpoenaed Robert Jaffe to testify Jan. 21 over what he may have known about Madoff's alleged

\$50 billion scheme. He failed to testify Tuesday. A Jaffe spokesman said then he was under a doctor's care and had agreed to a postponement.

Secretary of State William Galvin also filed a civil lawsuit yesterday seeking an emergency hearing if Jaffe fails to testify as scheduled. Galvin says further delays will undermine his

efforts to protect Massachusetts investors.

Jaffe, who keeps homes in Weston and Palm Beach, Fla., helped steer clients to Madoff. Attorney Stanley S. Arkin says Jaffe plans to defend himself "appropriately." Jaffe has said he had no knowledge of Madoff's alleged scheme and was himself a victim.

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