Former Fugitive Ex-Lawyer Pleads Guilty to U.S. Fraud Scheme

A former partner at a major U.S. law firm who spent two decades as a fugitive while avoiding charges that he ran a fraudulent investment scheme has pleaded guilty to carrying out a different scam while living in Massachusetts under an alias, according to **Reuters**.

Scott Wolas, 69, pleaded guilty in Boston federal court to defrauding 20 investors in two real estate projects out of $1.7 million while he was using someone else's identity, **Nate Raymond** reports.

In the 1990s, Wolas was a litigator in the New York office of Hunton & Williams. Authorities said he fled about the time of a 1997 indictment in New York and turned up in Florida where he became a securities broker while using a college roommate's name. When he was facing charges in Florida, he moved to Massachusetts, where he used various names while working as a real estate agent.

Read the Reuters article.