U.S. Judge Orders Deposition of Bernard Madoff

A federal judge has ordered Bernard Madoff to submit to a deposition by lawyers for some former customers who lost money when the imprisoned swindler's firm collapsed in December 2008, **Reuters reports**.

But the bankruptcy judge in Manhattan set strict limits on what Madoff can be asked, restricting questions to the meaning of more than 91,000 transactions recorded as "profit withdrawal" on the books of the former Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities LLC.

"Madoff, 77, would be deposed at the North Carolina prison where he is serving a 150-year sentence for running a huge Ponzi scheme," according to the report.

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