

## **U.S. Prosecutors Drop Charge Against an Ex-NYSE Trader**

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In the latest setback in the New York Stock Exchange trading-abuses case, prosecutors dropped a securities-fraud charge against a former NYSE floor trader who worked for a Bear Stearns Cos. unit.

Kevin M. Fee, 38, was indicted in April 2005 and scheduled to go to trial next month. But the U.S. attorney in Manhattan, Michael Garcia, decided not to proceed with the case, "based on a review of the evidence" and "information pertaining to this defendant subsequent to the filing of the indictment," according to a federal court filing Friday.

"Kevin was a great specialist and an innocent man," said Lawrence Robbins, Mr. Fee's attorney. "We're gratified the government agrees."

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