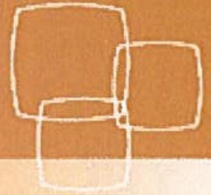




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Update: Alberta man sentenced in GST refund fraud under Competition Act

An Alberta man who operated a GST refund scheme that defrauded victims of \$3.6 million will serve time in prison, owing, in part, to the assistance of the Alberta Partnership Against Cross-Border Fraud, of which the Competition Bureau is a member. Bradley O'Neil, who owned International Tax Refund Services, misled tourists seeking GST refunds into believing that they would receive their refund within days, when O'Neil instead reinvested the money in his business. The scam defrauded more than 49,000 victims between 1999 and 2003. O'Neil has been sentenced to 3 years in prison for misleading representations under the Competition Act, and 5 years in prison for fraud exceeding \$5000 and theft exceeding \$5000 under the Criminal Code. The sentences will be served concurrently.

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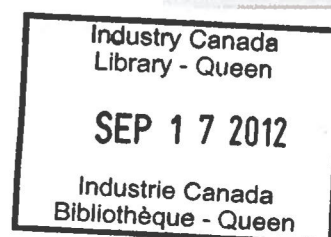


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