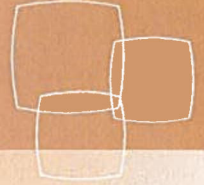




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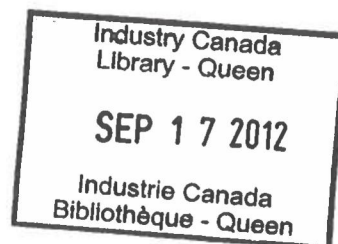
Individuals Ordered to Pay Restitution to Victims of Job Opportunity Scam

Emmanuel Ajayi and Duro Akintola have pleaded guilty for their role in an employment opportunity scam involving counterfeit cheques. They have been ordered to pay restitution to victims of the scam.

The scam targeted Canadian residents who believed that they had been hired to act as secret shoppers to assess the customer service of Western Union Financial Services. The victims were provided with cheques, instructed to deposit them, then to withdraw cash and wire it to individuals through the international money transfer service. All cheques were subsequently identified as counterfeit and the victims were left liable for the cash withdrawals.

The two accused pleaded guilty to making false and misleading representations contrary to section 52 of the Competition Act, and to fraud under \$5,000 pursuant to the Criminal Code of Canada. Both men received a conditional discharge with 12 months probation. Ajayi was ordered to pay \$5,000 in restitution to four victims, and Akintola was ordered to pay \$3,000 in restitution to five victims.

The sentencing brings to a close the Competition Bureau's investigation. The investigation has resulted in a total of three convictions, including that of Olufemi Olutunde, who was [sentenced last year](#) to 12 months in jail and ordered to pay \$23,000 in restitution to 14 victims for his part in the scam.



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