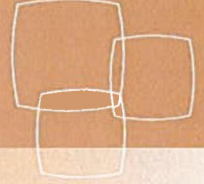




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Deceptive telemarketer receives a 2-year prison sentence

Hiep Mahn Nguyen has pleaded guilty to three counts of deceptive telemarketing related to the promotion of business directories. He has been sentenced to 2 years in prison and is prohibited from engaging in any form of telemarketing for 3 years.

Charges were first laid against Nguyen and three other individuals in February 2008 for conduct that occurred between January 1, 2003 and February 23, 2005. These activities generated an estimated \$9 million in revenue by invoicing small and medium businesses in Canada and the U.S. for business directories and listings that were never ordered.

Byron Steczko, Ahn-Phong Vo and Cory Kornelson pleaded guilty and were sentenced in November 2009. Nyugen fled Canada in 2008 and failed to appear in these proceedings. A Canada-wide arrest warrant was issued for Nyugen and he surrendered to the RCMP upon his return to Canada in January 2011.

Canadian courts are increasingly sentencing individuals found guilty of deceptive telemarketing or mass marketing fraud under the *Competition Act* to jail terms, including federal penitentiary sentences.

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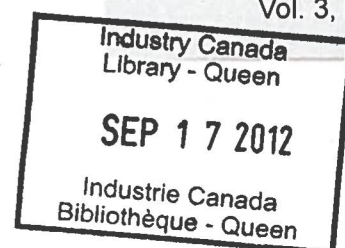


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