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Bureau Investigation Leads to Restitution for Victims of Online Jobs Scam

Victims of an online job opportunities scam operated by Matthew Hovila of Edmonton, Alberta, can expect to get some money back after the Bureau helped secure restitution of over \$185,000 for approximately 1,500 people in more than 60 countries. Mr. Hovila was also fined an additional \$164,000.

In June 2013, Mr. Hovila was convicted by a jury of engaging in criminal conduct under the *Competition Act*, and in February 2014, pleaded guilty to being in possession of proceeds of crime under the *Criminal Code*, and was sentenced to two-and-a-half years in jail.

[Trilogy Class Action Services](#) has been appointed to administer the restitution and will attempt to contact eligible victims to coordinate the return of their money. Inquiries can also be made directly to Trilogy by email at claims@oilcareerrestitution.com or by calling 1-866-329-7153.

For additional information on this case, please consult our previous announcements:

[Alberta Man Sentenced to Jail in Online Job Opportunities Scam](#)

[Alberta Man Found Guilty of Misleading Representations and Breach of Consent Agreement](#)

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