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Judge says Tiger Jeet deceived his partners

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By KAREN SMITH / *The Champion*

A judge said Tiger Jeet Singh deceived his friends who invested in an Edmonton real estate deal before finding two Brampton men guilty of fraud yesterday.

Judge Christopher Speyer said Milton's Tiger Jeet Singh (whose real name is Jagjit Singh Hans) "did everything to minimize his own responsibility" in an attempted multi-million dollar land flip.

"As a witness he was unconvincing and not forthright with the court," Judge Speyer said in Ontario Court (general division) in Milton.

Bahadur Singh Toor, 45, Mr. Han's brother-in-law, and Narinder Dev Sood, 57, also known as Herbie Parmar, were found guilty of defrauding the public and conspiracy to commit fraud over \$5,000 in connection with a townhouse complex called Rundle Park Village.

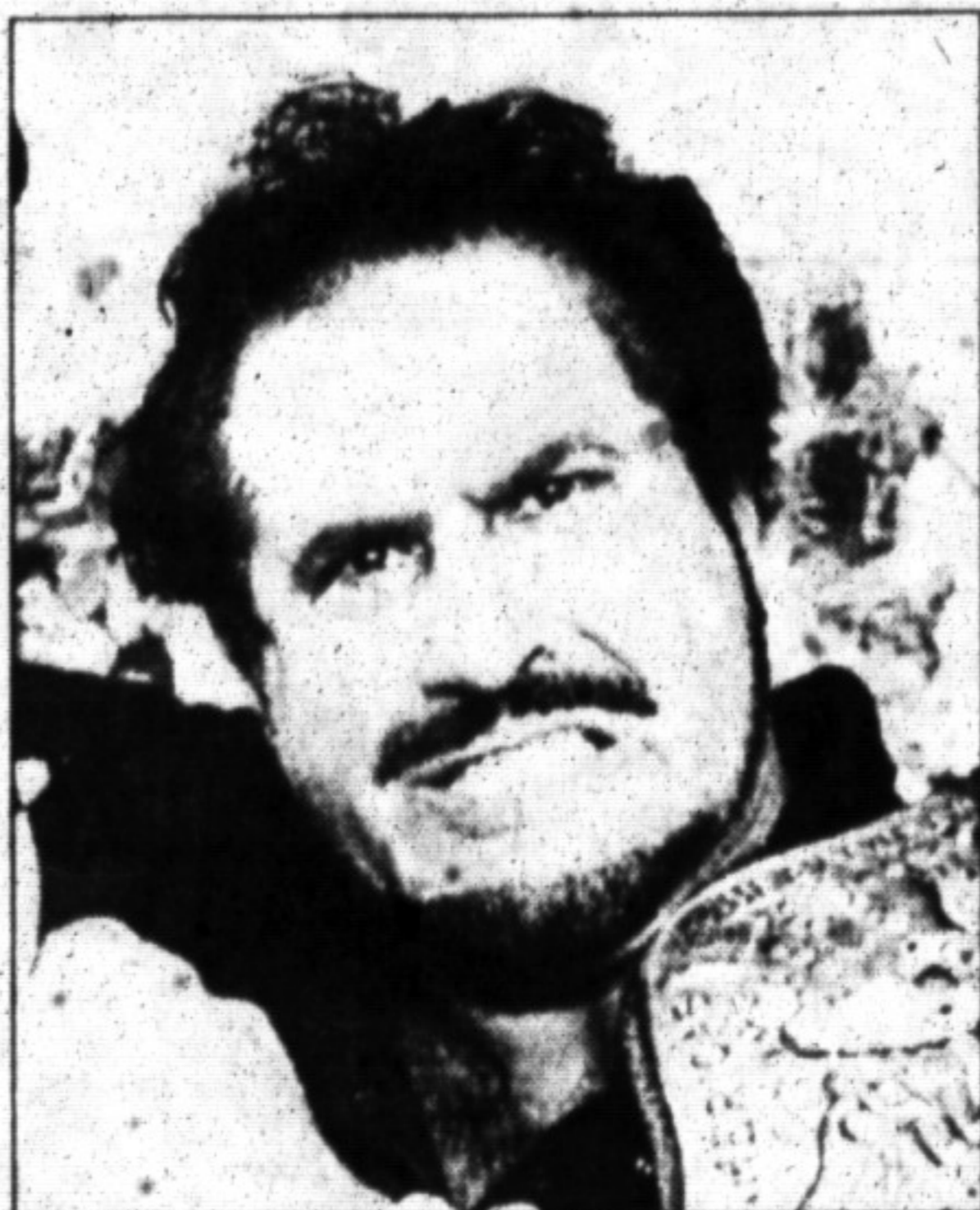
The loss to investors in the scheme totalled more than \$500,000 from 1989 to 1992.

"I find that the investors were lied to and deceived by the accused as well as Tiger," the judge said.

Mr. Hans, 50, who owns a palatial mansion on Peru Road and carries business cards billing himself as ambassador of Milton, was charged with conspiracy to commit fraud in December, 1994 in the deal that went sour.

But the charge was dropped after the wealthy wrestling star made a statement to the RCMP offering an explanation of his role in the project.

Judge Speyer said investors were led to believe Mr. Hans had put \$500,000 into the purchase of the 178-unit townhouse



Tiger Jeet Singh

complex in northeast Edmonton, when actually he only contributed \$155,000.

"In fact, Tiger ended up investing very little of his own money in the deal and he did everything he could to get his money out of the project as fast as possible," the judge said.

Victims testified they decided to participate in the deal under the impression that Mr. Hans, whom they trusted, was a principal investor.

"Regrettably in this transaction he deceived his friends," the judge said.

The 10 investors included retired

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Considering the fallout

Milton Mayor Gord Krantz wears a look of uncertainty as he takes in the announcement that municipalities will pay half for welfare. Janet Ecker, (inset) Minister for Community and Social Services, delivered the widely anticipated news Tuesday morning at Halton Region headquarters in Oakville. See story page 3.

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Locally, they need time to shake out the massive provincial changes

By BRAD REAUME
The Champion

The flurry of changes to the way government is organized and paid for has left local officials, like almost everyone else, up in the air.

Milton Mayor Gord Krantz said he is confident when all the swaps of responsibility and financing are done, government will make more sense and not cost any more money.

Still, "nothing is proven yet," said the mayor. "I have those anxieties that it could cost more money but I'm not going to let that happen. Everything comes down to the bottom line. If the provincial government is not successful keeping the costs down then they will have to change the program."

Halton's head of corporate services, Joe Rinaldo, said it could be several months before all the changes

are analyzed in sufficient detail to determine impacts. He said he would provide regional council with information as he is able.

"We are tracking it but until there are more details available we can't determine the impacts," added the new Halton chief administrative officer, Barry Malmsten. "Impacts could be much different than we anticipate. We will set up committees to see how to implement the required program changes."

Halton Hills Mayor Marilyn Serjeantson said officials in other municipalities who are predicting dire consequences are only speculating and do not have access to any additional information.

Mr. Krantz said constant tracking of the balance sheet for the next several years is the only way to know how the changes will shake out financially.

Mr. Krantz said municipalities are very capable of

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