

POLICE: Richmond Hill and Markham targets of morality crack-down

Strip clubs busted

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A massive morality squad raid on the Major Mack Hotel and 15 related properties could be another "nail in the coffin" of the Richmond Hill strip club.

More than 200 officers from York Region, Toronto, Durham, the RCMP, Immigration Canada, the Alcohol and Gaming Commission and regional health inspectors

swooped down on 16 properties, two vehicles and a boat Thursday night in simultaneous raids aimed at businesses owned by Riccardo DiGiuseppe of Richmond Hill.

"The walls are finally closing on Fantasia. They continue to put nails in their coffin," said Richmond Hill Regional Councillor Janet Mabley, who has been battling to close the club or remove it from Yonge

Street since 1992.

Police arrested 81 women and 34 men at the Major Mack and Bunnies strip club in Markham, charging them with a variety of bawdy house offences.

All were released that night and have scheduled court appearances beginning Oct. 27.

York Regional Police Const.

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TRACING THE HISTORY OF A STRIP CLUB BOSS

Police say untangling the network of properties connected to Major Mack owner Riccardo DiGiuseppe has not been easy.

January 1990: a house on the northeast corner of the Major Mack property was purchased for \$500,000 by TreesAnn Management, the business that owns the hotel and is controlled by DiGiuseppe. Four years later, TreesAnn purchased the house at the southeast corner of the hotel property for \$190,000.

July 1996: a house at 16 Dew Drop Crt. in the exclusive Woodland Acres subdivision was purchased by DiGiuseppe's daughter, Teresa, in trust. This is believed to be Riccardo DiGiuseppe's residence.

July 1996: the former Black Hawk Hotel was purchased for \$1.45 million by 11846612 Ontario Ltd. and renamed the Regency Hotel. By the end of 1997, an application was filed to obtain an adult entertainment licence for the

Regency. In the meantime, Rizza Exotic Motor Cars, a dealership that was adjacent to the Major Mack, moved to the Regency property.

July 1997: the former Richmond Hill Legion building on Ohio Road was purchased for \$850,000. The property is now known as Ardy's Sports Bar.

February or March 1998: an application was filed for the XXXStacy Emporium at 354 Enford Rd. in Richmond Hill. This property and the neighbouring 360 Enford Rd. were purchased in late 1997 from Danhart Sheet Metal.

April 1998: the licence and securities of Newmarket radio station CKDX, known as Power 88.5, was transferred to 1234870 Ont. Ltd. At the same time, its administrative offices were moved to 36 Enford Rd. The name on the station's licence is Anthony Panza, who is listed on Vaughan assessment records as co-owner of a house in Maple with Anna DiGiuseppe, Riccardo's daughter.

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