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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Were You Found Guilty of a Drug Offence in Ontario Between 1988 and 2001?

Health Canada recently identified concerns with some Certificates of Analyst issued by one analyst in the Toronto Drug Analysis Service Laboratory. Certificates of Analyst are used to prove the nature of substances in drug prosecutions.

The Department of Justice Canada is taking steps to make people aware of this situation. Health Canada has reviewed the work of the analyst and has found problems with respect to 192 certificates regarding the nature of the substance and 13 certificates regarding the purity of the substance. The Department of Justice Canada will notify each accused found guilty of an offence to which one of these certificates relates.

If you have been found guilty in the province of Ontario of an offence pertaining to an illicit drug between June 1, 1988 and May 31, 2001, and want to find out if your Certificate of Analyst is one of those in question, you can access the following Web site: www.hc-sc.gc.ca/expo. This site lists the numbers of all certificates prepared by this analyst. If you do not have Internet access, contact the Department of Justice Canada directly by phone (416) 973-0957 or by facsimile (416) 973-8253. Collect calls will be accepted.

If you believe you have been affected:

If you have followed these steps and determined your certificate was one of those prepared by the analyst, you may have a claim for relief, depending on the circumstances of your case. The following forms of relief may be available:

- an extension of time in which to file an appeal;
 - an appeal to set aside the conviction and enter an acquittal or a stay of proceedings or order a new trial;
 - a direction from the Minister of Justice for a new trial or appellate hearing under s.690 of the *Criminal Code*; and
 - a pardon, repayment of any fine paid or release from custody, where appropriate.
- You may wish to consult your lawyer to obtain advice on whether a remedy is available to you.

Those seeking a form of relief must complete a **NOTICE OF INTENDED APPLICATION** and may be required to provide an affidavit. This form is available on the Department of Justice Canada Web site (<http://canada.justice.gc.ca>) or by contacting the Department of Justice at the above numbers.



Fraud victims upset with early parole

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early. I'm traumatized all over again."

The Haliburton senior's comfortable lifestyle was crippled after Blow, a financial advisor, promised to invest about \$1 million on her behalf. But Blow pocketed it. "I am just existing now. I worked hard. I never took the time to play. I just worked. And now it's gone. I can't re-earn it. There's no time. It would have been kinder if he'd taken a gun and shot me," said the senior.

The victims are trying to "slow down" Blow's release, said York Regional Police Det. Fred Kerr. "There is a petition and they're bombarding the justice system with letters opposing his parole," said Det. Kerr, the lead investigating officer in the case.

Many of the victims had a long-standing relationship with Blow who was a respected member of Springvale Baptist Church, one of Whitchurch-Stouffville's largest churches.

"I knew him for 20 some

years. He was pretty smooth," said Dennis Alsop of Stouffville. Alsop declined to reveal the exact amount he lost in the fraud.

Blow, 44, was charged last July with 70 counts of fraud involving 67 victims, many from Whitchurch-Stouffville and area. He pleaded guilty to all counts.

Blow ran an insurance and finance business on Stouffville's Main Street for more than a decade. He was arrested at his executive-style home in Mount Albert following a lengthy police investigation.

"Some of these people were totally wiped out," said Det. Kerr. "Some were forced to sell their homes."

David and Beth Foster of Newmarket are still shaking their heads. An insurance agent advised them to take about \$25,000 of an inheritance and invest it through Blow. The money was inherited from David Foster's father, a farmer. Mr. Foster Sr. worked from dawn to dusk his entire life, said Beth Foster. "To think that my father

in law's money financed Blow's lavish lifestyle, is mind-boggling," said Foster. "He worked so hard to make sure he could leave something for his children. It is so sad."

The court was told that Blow's crime spree covered 11 years and that he enjoyed a \$300,000-a-year lifestyle during that time.

Some victims insist that there's still a substantial amount of money unaccounted for. The police have not found any trace of the money. "He spent it on his lifestyle," said Det. Kerr. "This is sad. He defrauded so many."

Judy McKnight of Stouffville is wondering how Blow will earn his living now. "He won't be content to flip burgers," said McKnight, whose mother lost a substantial amount of money.

Blow's victims also lived in Markham, Uxbridge, Whitby, Parry Sound, Kingston, Windsor and Kitchener.

Under terms of Blow's parole, he can't work with clients' money and he is not to have any contact with his victims.

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