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# Man arrested in Ponzi scheme

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A 68-year-old Milton man has been charged in relation to a Ponzi scheme that affected victims throughout the Greater Toronto Area, including York Region.

Aug. 10, York Regional Police criminal investigators and members of the major fraud unit arrested the man in connection with a \$2 million investment fraud.

Officers began investigating in April 2015. Between 2002 and 2014, the accused acted as a financial advisor and ran a mortgage-based investment scheme.

More than 20 victims — from York, Peel and Halton regions, Toronto and Wellington County — have been identified.

They were convinced to invest large amounts of money with the accused and were advised that they would be receiving income from those investments.

“Eventually, in 2015, the income payments stopped and the victims became suspicious,” YRP Const. Laura Nicolle said in a press release. “Through the investigations, officers discovered that the accused was operating a Ponzi scheme and was paying off victims using money from other victims and no properties existed behind any of the mortgages.”

The accused, Gerrard Mok, was arrested at his home in Milton with the assistance of



York Regional Police photo

York Regional Police have charged a man in relation to a Ponzi scheme.

Halton Regional Police.

He was charged with defrauding the public.

Anyone with information on this case is asked to contact the YRP fraud unit at 1-866-876-5423, ext. 6612, or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

They can also leave an anonymous tip at 1800222tips.com, or text CRIMES (274637), starting with the word ‘YORK’.

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