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A "smooth talking" Whitchurch-Stouffville man who was made infamous after being convicted of one of Canada's largest scams has been convicted again, this time of a romance scam.

Salim Damji, 45, was

sentenced to six years in prison, this time in relation to a \$1.2-million scam involving some 20 women, some of whom he met at Aurora's dance club and restaurant Graystones and on the online dating website Plenty of Fish.

One woman, who did not want her name published in the newspaper, told yorkregion.com in 2015 that she gave Damji \$67,000 after he pressured her to invest the money with him. The pair had shared one date before Damji, masquerading as an investment banker with RBC, strung the victim along for one year.

"That's my life's savings," she said, after being told Damji had admitted to gambling problems in the past and her money might be gone. "The bastard made me wait for him for over a year."

Damji pleaded guilty in October and convicted and ordered to pay full restitution on Nov. 4.

Damji was previously convicted of defrauding his fellow Ismaili worshipers of millions of dollars in a teeth-whitening scam.

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Her book, Annaleise Carr: How I Conquered Lake Ontario to Help Kids Battling Cancer, inspires others to take on great challenges and help their fellow citizens.

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