

Aurora man charged with multiple fraud counts

A 34-year-old Aurora man has been charged with multiple counts of fraud and operating a law office without a license to practice.

Inayat Kassam was handed down five counts of fraud over \$5,000, forgery, and uttering forged documents.

?Detectives with the York Regional Police Major Fraud Unit began an investigation in November 2013, after a complaint was received regarding misappropriated funds from a Richmond Hill business,? said constable Andy Pattenden of the York Regional Police in a statement. ?Investigation revealed that Inayat Kassam, also known as Jay, had defrauded a company where he had been working. Mr. Kassam then began operating a law office located at 10737 Yonge Street (Unit 14) in Richmond Hill and acting as legal representation for clients. Investigation revealed that Mr. Kassam does not have a licence to practice law in Ontario.

?On February 4, 2014, a search warrant was executed on Mr. Kassam's Richmond Hill business as well as his residence in Aurora. Police arrested [him] without incident and seized cash and documentation relating to the fraud. Four vehicles were also seized as a result of investigation as it is believed that Kassam had obtained these vehicles by fraudulent means.?

Police ask that anybody with information relating to the matter, or as had dealings with either Mr. Kassam or his business, to come forward ?as it is believed there might be additional victims.? Anyone with information can contact the York Regional Police's Major Fraud unit at 1-566-876-5423 x6612 or anonymously at Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.