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### **COMMERCIAL DRIVING SCHOOL OPERATORS FACE MULTIPLE CHARGES**

*OPP Fraud Investigation in Conjunction with Sûreté du Québec*

**(ORILLIA, ON)** – Several individuals have been charged with fraud after a two-year investigation into allegations related to commercial motor vehicle (CMV) driver training.

In March 2019, the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) was advised by the Sûreté du Québec (SQ) of fraudulent passenger and CMV licensing activities, which led to a lengthy criminal investigation. The investigation focused on fraudulent licensing activities, which circumvented the processes of the Ministry of Transportation and Ministry of Colleges and Universities.

The OPP's investigation revealed three major components of a serious fraudulent scheme, significantly impacting the safety of Canadian highways:

- use of an interpreter to fraudulently complete required licensing knowledge tests
- non-Ontario residents applying for an Ontario driver's licence
- circumvention of the Mandatory Entry Level Training (MELT) standard

Investigators identified over 200 incidents in which students had committed a variety of fraudulent activities to obtain a commercial vehicle licence.

Another scheme that was identified involved individuals operating unlicensed schools and delivering unauthorized training to students in eastern Ontario and Quebec. As a result of the unlicensed operations, six commercial motor vehicles were seized by investigators.

The following six individuals have been charged with Fraud Over \$5000, contrary to section 380(1) of the Criminal Code:

- Gurvinder SINGH, age 55 of Laval, Quebec
- Gurpreet SINGH, age 33 of Saint Eustache, Quebec
- Mohammad KHOKHAR, age 66 of Cornwall, Ontario
- Jagjeet DEOL, age 50 of Caledon, Ontario
- Charanjit Kaur DEOL, age 50 of Caledon, Ontario
- Hanifa KHOKHAR, age 68 of Cornwall, Ontario

All of the accused have been released from custody and have made their initial appearances before the Ontario Court of Justice in Ottawa.

Findings of the investigation, including details on the 200 students identified, have been shared with the Ontario Ministries of Transportation and Colleges and Universities.



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“The focus of this lengthy investigation has been public safety. Tractor-trailers and other commercial vehicles can be deadly in the hands of those with little or unapproved training.” – Detective Inspector Daniel Nadeau, OPP Criminal Investigation Branch.

Details on the Sûreté du Québec investigation can be found here:  
<https://www.sq.gouv.qc.ca/communiques/>.

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