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Three more arrests in Canadian telemarketing ring investigation

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The Toronto Strategic Partnership in Deceptive Telemarketing has made three additional arrests in a telemarketing ring investigation.

See original news release dated Tuesday, September 27, 2005.

Arrested and charged with Fraud Over \$5,000 are:

1. Robert Houttuin, 36, of Toronto
2. Francesco Bellissimo, 35, of Mississauga
3. Catreena Marchewka, 35, of Mississauga

They are scheduled to appear in College Park Provincial Courts, 444 Yonge Street, room 507, on Thursday, October 13, 2005.

The Toronto Strategic Partnership is a multi-law enforcement agency response to Mass Marketing Fraud. It includes the TPS Fraud Squad, Ontario Provincial Police, Phonebusters, York Regional Police Service, RCMP-GTA Commercial Crime Section, Competition Bureau, Ministry of Government Services formerly MCBS, Federal Trade Commission, U.S. Postal Inspection Service and the U.K. Office of Fair Trading.

Further arrests are anticipated and investigations are continuing.

If you have been a victim of this scam or any similar telemarketing scam, please call Phone Busters at the toll-free number: 1-888-495-8501.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Detective Sergeant Joe Zwambag at 416-808-7325 or Detective Garry Hickey at 416-808-7324, or Crime Stoppers anonymously at 416-222-TIPS (8477), or online at www.222tips.com

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