

Module 12: Credible Financial Advice

Assignment: Investigate Investment Fraud & “Fake” Financial Planners

Fraudulent financial planners unfortunately exist and they steal people’s money, while telling them that they are investing it. Research the story of the largest fraud in Saskatchewan history where a father and daughter (Danielle & Ron Fast) went to jail after telling investors they were going to pay them large returns. They took their money and spent it, defrauding over 200 people out of almost \$17 million.

<https://globalnews.ca/news/1365404/fast-gets-7-years-behind-bars-and-is-ordered-to-pay-16-7-million/>

- 1. What happened? How did investors lose money? How did it amount to \$17 million? Describe this story in detail. 5 marks**
- 2. Discuss investment fraud & how there is a lot of trust with an investment advisor (especially a private investment firm). Discuss how trust and confidence in the financial advisor are vital to this relationship when you plan for your financial future. 5 marks**
- 3. How can investors protect themselves? What can YOU do to protect yourself and not get defrauded like this case? 3 marks**
- 4. Who is there to protect investors? (look up Financial Consumer Affairs Authority and Canadian Securities Administrators, etc). 2 marks**