

PROJECT 24KARAT





BACKGROUND

- April 17th, 2023 over \$20 Million in gold and foreign currency stolen from Air Canada Cargo at Pearson International Airport. Investigation commenced by PRP Airport Criminal Investigations Bureau
- Dedicated Project Team under Investigative Services established in June, 2023



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**LARGEST GOLD HEIST
IN CANADIAN HISTORY**





TEAM MEMBERS

- Over a one-year period, 20 officers from throughout the organization worked full-time on Project 24Karat
- Tasks included surveillance, interviewing, investigator, and affiant. Video canvass lasted 4 weeks and spanned over 28 kilometres
- 28,096 regular hours worked; 9,500 overtime hours



THE CANVASS



Air Canada
Cargo

6:03 PM
April 17, 2023





INVOLVED PARTIES



PARMPAL SIDHU



AMIT JALOTA



AMMAD CHAUDHARY



ALI RAZA



PRASATH PARAMALINGAM



SIMRAN PREET PANESAR



ARCHIT GROVER



ARSALAN CHAUDHARY



DURANTE KING-MCLEAN





CHARGES

- 19 charges laid or warrants issued for nine individuals
- Charges include Theft Over \$5000, Conspiracy to Commit Indictable Offence, and Possession of Property Obtained by Crime
- As per the *Criminal Code*, accused parties released on Form 10 Appearance Notice with Undertaking



CHARGES

NAME	CHARGES	RELEASE
PARMPAL SIDHU	Theft Over \$5000 Conspiracy to Commit Indictable Offence	Appearance Notice w/ Undertaking
AMIT JALOTA	Possession of Property Obtained by Crime (X2) Theft Over \$5000 Conspiracy to Commit Indictable Offence	Appearance Notice w/ Undertaking
AMMAD CHAUDHARY	Accessory After the Fact of Indictable Offence	Appearance Notice w/ Undertaking
ALI RAZA	Possession of Property Obtained by Crime	Appearance Notice w/ Undertaking
PRASATH PARAMALINGAM	Accessory After the Fact of Indictable Offence	Appearance Notice w/ Undertaking
SIMRAN PREET PANESAR	Theft Over \$5000 Conspiracy to Commit Indictable Offence	Appearance Notice w/ Undertaking
ARCHIT GROVER	Theft Over \$5000 Conspiracy to Commit Indictable Offence	Canada-Wide Warrant Held for bail and released with conditions
ARSALAN CHAUDHARY	Theft Over \$5000 Possession of Property Obtained by Crime (X2) Conspiracy to Commit indictable offence	Canada-Wide Warrant
Durante KING-MCLEAN	Theft Over \$5000	Warrant in 1st



CANADA-WIDE WARRANTS

- Archit Grover, 36-year-old man from Brampton arrested in May at Pearson Airport. Held for bail hearing.
- Simran Preet Panesar, 31-year-old man has retained counsel and is believed to be in the UK or India
- Arsalan Chaudhary, 42-year-old man believed to still be in Dubai.



NEXT STEPS

- Continue to liaise with ATF and monitor indictments. Durante King-Mclean scheduled to go to trial in July
- Several electronic items seized during arrests. These are still be forensically examined
- Production Orders for financial records
- Location data analysis of phone records

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