

Red Deer RCMP charge man after he represented himself as a lawyer

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A Red Deer man faces 12 Criminal Code charges after a months-long RCMP investigation in which the suspect is alleged to have defrauded a number of victims between December 2016 and April 2017 while representing himself as a lawyer.

Red Deer RCMP began their investigation at the end of March after receiving a complaint that the suspect had represented himself as a lawyer and taken money from his victims in exchange for reportedly preparing legal documents. RCMP subsequently received several more complaints from other victims; through the course of the investigation, RCMP identified 9 victims who reported dealing with the suspect in return for legal services on various dates between December 2016 and April 2017, including a process server who was hired by the suspect to serve a civil claim, and one victim who grew suspicious and did not pay the suspect. The suspect operated under the fictitious business name SS & Associates LLP.

On June 7, Red Deer RCMP executed a search warrant at the suspect's residence and seized electronics and documents relevant to the investigation, including documents under the business name SS & Associates LLP.

26 year old Chance Aaron Shaw faces the following charges:

- Criminal Code 368(1)(a) – Use, trafficking or possession of forged document X 6
- Criminal Code 380(1)(b) – Fraud under \$5,000 X 4
- Criminal Code 367(1) – Forgery
- Criminal Code 463/362(2)(b) – False pretences

Chance Shaw is scheduled to appear in court in Red Deer on July 21 at 8:30 am.

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