

2023 Edmonton Fraud Conference

Speaker Bio

Case Study: From their office in Calgary, two men organized mortgage associates, real estate associates, bank employees, lawyers, tax preparers, and others with the purpose of orchestrating mortgage and real estate fraud in Alberta. These two individuals ran an enterprise described by real estate and mortgage associates as the “Printing Press” due to their ability to fabricate any and all document needed to obtain mortgage financing. The presentation will detail the various processes and methods used by the Printing Press to defraud buyers, sellers, and lenders, and the methods investigators used to identify the fraudulent transactions and link those transactions to the organization. The presentation will offer a window into the world of organized mortgage fraud and some of the unique issues faced by investigators.

Holly Childs

Senior Investigator, Real Estate Council of Alberta. Holly joined the Real Estate Council of Alberta in 2015 as an Investigator moving to the position of Senior Investigator. Her focus has been on investigating, and detecting fraud, both within the Mortgage and Real Estate industry. Holly began her career working at Vancouver International Airport as an Agent with Canada Border Services, moving in 2007 to the BC Provincial Government as regulatory Investigator. Holly’s focus throughout her career has been excelling in investigations within the regulatory framework.

Jonathan Gordon

Investigator, Real Estate Council of Alberta. Nine years as a Police Officer with Bedfordshire Police, UK. Trained in serious and complex crime investigation, mainstream cybercrime, data communications and logical mobile device data extraction. Worked on range of cases from assaults to acquisitive crime. Worked on operations involving large scale fraud investigations and serious sexual assault cases gathering digital evidence from CCTV, social media and mobile devices. Two years working as a Senior Investigator in SIU with Xpera Risk Mitigation and Investigation, worked on Insurance and HR investigations. Currently working for RECA as an Investigator, working on large scale organized mortgage fraud files.

Andrew Brainard

Investigator, Real Estate Council of Alberta. Andrew Brainard has over 13 years of experience conducting various types of investigations including civil litigation support and regulatory enforcement. His background and eclectic investigative experiences have been an asset since moving to Alberta and working for the Real Estate Council of Alberta.