

Former King resident extradited from Spain to face fraud charges

A King woman, who had been living in Spain, has been arrested and extradited in connection with a fraud against a manufacturing company in the City of Vaughan.

Between March 2014 and May 2015, the accused was employed as a senior manager of Crane Payment Solutions based in Vaughan. While employed, she set up fake account payables similar in name to real account payables for the company. Over a 14-month period she submitted fraudulent bills to her employer totaling \$5.5 million dollars, which were paid. In late May, after being confronted by management regarding accounting discrepancies, the suspect fled from Canada to Europe.

An international arrest warrant was obtained by York Regional Police and on Sept. 15, after receiving a tip, the accused was arrested by Spanish Federal Police near Malaga, Spain, where it is believed she had been residing. On Oct. 15, the accused waived her right to an extradition hearing in the Spanish Federal Court and she was returned to Canada on Oct. 22.

The 55-year-old King Township resident has been charged with Fraud Over \$5,000 and Theft Over \$5,000.

She appeared before the Ontario Court of Justice in Newmarket today and has been remanded in custody until her next court date which was Oct. 26.

York Regional Police would like to thank Interpol, the Spanish Federal Police and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police liaison officers in Europe, for their assistance in bringing this investigation to a successful conclusion.

If you have any information please contact York Regional Police Major Fraud Unit at 905-830-0303 x6614, Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS, leave an anonymous tip online at www.1800222tips.com, or text your tip to CRIMES (274637) starting with the word YORK.