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## Abstract

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## Full Text

They thought GST stood for Great Scam Tax.

But crime didn't pay for Daryl Grant MacAskill and Larry Douglas Buss.

The Burnaby pair dreamed up what they thought was an ingenious scheme -- create your own non-existent companies, then ask Revenue Canada for goods and services tax rebates.

"They set up a number of fictitious entities and would file for GST rebates," said Harry Smilgis of Revenue Canada.

For a while the duo thought they were pretty clever, taking home a cool \$34,000 between August 1991 and June 1993.

Then the odds caught up with them.

"We got a tip from the outside that someone was cashing a lot of our cheques," said Smilgis.

Buss, 39, decided to plead guilty to nine counts of making false statements on GST registration forms and was fined \$18,897.

He has until the end of the month to pay or he'll serve four months in jail.

MacAskill, the supposed brains of the operation, thought he had the right stuff to get off. Wrong again. He's been

sentenced to six months in jail and fined \$13,500.

But that's not where it will end for the tax thieves.

"These are just the fines imposed by the court," said Smilgis.

"We still want our money back."

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