



## Man charged in renovation fraud investigation

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Tuesday, January 17, 2012

31 Division  
416-808-3100

On Sunday, January 15, 2012, police responded to a radio call at a home in the Islington Avenue/Steeles Avenue West area.

It is alleged that:

- on Thursday, July 21, 2011, a husband and wife, in their 70s, entered into a contract with the accused to have the front of their brick home refaced
- a price was agreed and the accused demanded a cash deposit before beginning any work, but no work was done
- the accused continued to ask for money over the following six months to buy material and hire workers
- the victims gave the accused over \$11,000 in cash over the six months
- no work was ever done

On Sunday, January 15, 2012, Matteo De-Paola, 63, of Toronto, was arrested and charged with Fraud over \$5000.

Police believe there may be more victims.

Anyone with information is asked to contact police at 416-808-3100, Crime Stoppers anonymously at 416-222-TIPS (8477), online at [www.222tips.com](http://www.222tips.com), text TOR and your message to CRIMES (274637), or [Leave A Tip on Facebook](#).

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Constable Wendy Drummond, Corporate Communications, for Detective Sanjee Aroda, 31 Division



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**Above:** Matteo De-Paola, 63, charged with Fraud over \$5000