

Five years imprisonment for fraudster



A man who obtained approximately £500,000 in a fraudulent investment scam has today been sentenced.

Keith Cameron was sentenced to five years at the Sheriff Court in Edinburgh.

The 54 year-old was responsible for obtaining money for a Telecoms company start-up that never materialised. Cameron exploited his relationship with the victim, who had been diagnosed with terminal cancer, in order to fraudulently obtain the funds. Cameron was able to exploit his knowledge of the Telecoms industry to present a plausible investment and obtained the trust needed to hand over funds.

Police Scotland today welcomed the sentence but warned the public to be vigilant against similar individuals looking to use the Internet to illegally source money.

Detective Inspector Arron Clinkscales said: "Keith Cameron used his expertise and relationship to make his victim believe that this was a legitimate investment. He also indicated that others had invested significant sums and forged investment documents. He was able to continue the pretence of a legitimate investment for nearly two years, with repeated promises of returns, until his victim died, leaving a grieving widow to discover the fraud."

"To ensure that others do not fall foul of similar fraudulent activities I would urge the public to fully research any investment they are seeking to make. When considering making an investment, consider seeking financial and legal advice to ensure protection against fraudulent investments."

"If in any doubt, do not go ahead, and remember if it seems too good to be true, it probably is"