

STATEMENT FROM THE CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL IMMIGRATION CONSULTANTS (CAPIC) REGARDING IMMIGRATION FRAUD CASE IN MISSISSAUGA

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April 19th, 2018 (Toronto, ON) – Today, Canadian Association of Professional Immigration Consultants (CAPIC) President Donald Igbokwe made the following statement regarding a recent immigration fraud case brought forward by the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA):

“On behalf of the CAPIC Board, I was troubled to learn of the serious case of immigration fraud that was made public earlier this week following an extensive investigation by the Canada Border Services Agency. While the individual in question is not a CAPIC member, our association and the professional immigration consultants we represent across the country do not take such cases lightly. We know the damage that these fraudulent actions cause to people’s lives and the reputation of the profession.

We applaud the CBSA for its work in investigating the activities of the individual in question and moving quickly to lay charges.

We are calling on our professional regulator, the Immigration Consultants of Canada Regulatory Council (ICCRC), to move immediately to suspend the member in question until the criminal investigation is complete.

It should be clear to all of those in the industry that the consequences for breaking immigration laws are serious. Like any profession, the problem of unlawful immigration practitioners persists in Canada, and our association is working actively with immigration officials and government decision-makers to strengthen the regulatory system to protect consumers and Canada’s immigration system.”

About CAPIC:

Created in December 2004, the Canadian Association of Professional Immigration Consultants (CAPIC) is the national advocacy group for Regulated Canadian Immigration Consultants (RCICs), founded on the pillars of education, information, lobbying, and recognition. Its mission is to lead, connect, protect, and develop the profession, serving the best interests of its members.

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