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Insider sentenced to two years in prison

A bank insider who stole more than £30,000 left to a man by his dead mother has been sentenced to two years in prison.

Aneel Wahaj Khan, aged 28, had resigned from Santander and was completing his final day working for the company at a branch in Roehampton, London, in May 2013, when he transferred £31,000 from a customer's savings account into an account in the name of his friend Hani Aly. Khan had opened the account just three months earlier.

The bank's routine security checks on high value transfers by staff identified the fraud and the case was referred to the Dedicated Card and Payment Crime Unit, the specialist unit sponsored by the industry to investigate financial fraud.

CCTV images showed Khan and Aly, also aged 28, withdrawing the money from Aly's account at a number of branches.

Swift action by Santander enabled the recovery of £8,000 but £22,000 had already been withdrawn and transferred from Aly's bank account. The victim received a full refund from the bank.

Khan was arrested at Gatwick Airport on his way home from the Caribbean after a holiday he had paid for with the money he stole.

Khan was sentenced to two years in prison, at the Old Bailey today (Monday July 13 2015). Aly, who changed his plea to guilty two days into a trial, was sentenced to two years in prison



suspended for two years and a one-year supervision order. Both men were charged with conspiracy to defraud, abuse of a position of trust and concealing criminal property.

DC Mark Yellop, who led the investigation for the DCPCU, said:

“This was an abuse of trust and together these callous criminals set out to defraud an innocent individual.

“Khan took advantage of his position of power and this conviction sends a message to others that they will be found and punished.”

The DCPCU is the pro-active police unit sponsored by the banking industry and is made up of bank investigators, support staff from FFA UK and officers from the City of London Police and the Metropolitan Police Service.

Established in April 2002, the DCPCU has since achieved an estimated £470 million in savings from reduced fraud activity – equating to around £800,000 per week.

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Notes to editors:

1. Sentences received:

Aneel Wahaj Khan, 22/07/86, of Great Woodcote Park, Purley, Surrey: two years

Hani Aly, 08/01/87, of Enterprise Way, London: Two years suspended for two years and a one-year supervision order

The Dedicated Card and Payment Crime Unit (DCPCU) is a unique pro-active police unit, with a national remit, formed as a partnership between Financial Fraud Action UK, the City of London Police and the Metropolitan Police together with the Home Office. It is fully sponsored by the cards and banking industries, with an on-going brief to investigate, target and, where appropriate, arrest and seek successful prosecution of offenders responsible for card, cheque and payment fraud crimes. It is headed up by a Detective Chief Inspector and comprises officers from the Metropolitan and City of London police forces who work alongside banking industry fraud investigators and support staff.



Financial Fraud Action UK (FFA UK) is responsible for leading the collective fight against fraud in the UK payments industry. Its membership includes banks, credit, debit and charge card issuers, and card payment acquirers in the UK. It provides a forum for members to work together on non-competitive issues relating to financial fraud. Its primary function is to facilitate collaborative activity between industry participants and with other partners.

Financial Fraud Action UK (www.financialfraudaction.org.uk) works in close partnership with The UK Cards Association on industry initiatives to prevent fraud on credit and debit cards, and the Cheque & Credit Clearing Company on credit clearing and cheque fraud.

The UK Cards Association is the trade body for the card payments industry in the UK, representing financial institutions which act as card issuers and acquirers. Members of the Association account for the vast majority of debit and credit cards issued in the UK - issuing in excess of 55 million credit cards and 95 million debit cards - and cover the whole of the payment card acquiring market.

