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Abstract

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S/Sgt. Derakhshan is the leader of a team within the RCMP's GTA Financial Crime Section, mandated to investigate and prosecute financial crimes perpetrated by trans-national criminal organizations. He joined the RCMP in October of 1992 and began his career in British Columbia where he gained experience in general duty uniform policing and undercover operations. During his postings in British Columbia, he conducted criminal investigations involving assaults, thefts, break and enters and other common Criminal Code offences. Subsequently, he was transferred to Ontario where he served in the capacity of a federal investigator in the Immigration and Passport Section (Anti Human Smuggling Team), Fugitive Squad, Customs and Excise Section, National Security Section and Financial Crime.

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