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## Indian-Origin Couple Arrested for \$4 Million Real Estate Investment Scam

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A high-profile Indian-origin couple has been arrested for allegedly orchestrating a \$4 million real estate investment fraud that targeted more than 100 individuals, many of whom were elderly and immigrants. The accused, Sidhartha “Sammy” Mukherjee and his wife Sunita, now face felony theft charges and possible federal prosecution.

According to authorities, the couple promised lucrative returns on real estate investments and used counterfeit documents, such as forged Dallas Housing Authority contracts and false remodeling invoices, to convince victims they were legitimate. The scheme reportedly operated over several years, with investigators uncovering extensive use of fake paperwork, bounced dividend cheques, and misrepresented projects.

The Euless Police Department, working with federal investigators, launched an inquiry in 2024 after a local couple reported losing \$325,000. That case led to a broader probe, eventually revealing dozens of similar complaints. “This is probably the most prolific fraudster I’ve seen,” said Detective Brian Brennan, highlighting the widespread scope of the scheme.

The Mukherjees allegedly used their social standing and public image to gain trust in the community. The couple was known for organizing Bollywood-style events, charity galas, and cultural shows under a nonprofit organization registered at their residence. Investigators believe this polished image helped them lure victims into parting with large sums of money.

In addition to real estate fraud, the couple is accused of applying for pandemic-era Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans using fake employee names and payroll data. When questioned, Sammy Mukherjee reportedly denied knowing several names listed on loan applications.

The FBI estimates the actual number of victims may exceed 100, with total losses surpassing \$4 million. Many victims are unlikely to recover their investments, as the Mukherjees filed for bankruptcy in 2024 and are suspected of diverting funds to personal expenses or moving them into offshore accounts and cryptocurrency.

The couple was arrested in June 2025. While Sunita Mukherjee was released on a \$500,000 bond, Sammy Mukherjee remains in custody under U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). He is also reportedly facing pending fraud warrants in Mumbai, India.

If convicted, the Mukherjees could face five to 99 years in prison.