

## \$7.58 million has been missing from the company's trust fund since last year

Suspected a former bookkeeper and legal secretary who used fake checks to steal money from the company's trust fund and launder money through British Columbia casinos. <u>FEXIOL</u>

At a press conference this Monday, Hong Guo Guo, the head of the law firm, said he conducted his own investigation to find out two former employees had embezzled company trust funds and submitted the case to the court for information on B.C. casino transaction records to prove his charges.

Last year, Postmedia reported that Guo's customers took legal action against her for causing \$2.1 million in losses, but Guo explained that the money had been lost since March 2016 and the stolen funds would not be recovered. At a press conference, she said she was selling her assets to compensate for customers' losses and hoped this would happen by early next year. Guo then added that his company's reputation was defamed and became the main target of an investigation launched by the B.C. Law Society, which seized an abuse trust account currently held by the Imperial Bank of Canada (CIBC), in addition to the investigation being completed.

Mr. Guo's revelation about the incident

Mr. Guo believes the former deputy chief and legal assistant worked hand in hand in a complex scheme to abuse his trust account and steal nearly \$8 million. According to Ms. Guo's claim, the two accomplices used fake checks to steal C\$7,665,000 of her trust account. Then, the money was converted from Lower Mainland casinos to casino chips and cashed in China. The two suspects were arrested in Hong Kong in August this year, and a trial will be held in Macau in the first half of next year. Mr Guo added that local Canadian police authorities did not help him with his investigation. Richmond RCMP police officer Dennis Huang CPL declined to comment on the incident, explaining that an investigation is currently underway.