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Accused con-man arrested

[Toronto Police Service](#), Simon Gann, 28, was recently arrested in Ontario. A fraud investigation is now underway, which alleges that Gann identified himself as "Giancarlo Dinatale" and posed as a wealthy mathematician, symphony writer, and business investor to scam men and women out of money. Investigators believe there may be more victims. Gann's identical twin brother, Jordan Gann, [was arrested](#) at Hattricks Tavern in Tampa in October of 2007 and faces similar charges. He's suspected of ripping off women in at least nine states, including Florida. The Florida investigation began when a woman said Jordan Gann posed as a wealthy doctor and even showed her escrow papers for a \$2.3 million Clearwater condo. She gave him \$750 so they could open an account together but, after she confronted him, he ran off with her money. Jordan Gann [pleaded guilty](#) to a grand theft charge and, last year, [he was sentenced](#) to 2½ years in a state prison. After that, one of Jordan Gann's victims says Gann's identical twin, Simon, left town. Meredith Gavin says Simon Gann went to Puerto Vallarta, Honduras and Louisiana. Additionally, the [Toronto Police Service](#) says Simon Gann has travelled to Niagara Falls and Ottawa.

Meredith Gavin started [TheGannTwins.com](#) to detail her grievances and find other victims. She also posted a note on Facebook with the responses people have given about her story. You can find it on [10 Connects Reporter Janie Porter's Facebook page](#). Gavin claims the twins worked together to scam people. "They used each others' names frequently, and when caught, wouldn't give their true identities. Jordan would give Simon's name, and Simon would give Jordan's name," she said. The [Toronto Police Service](#) says Simon Gann would tell victims in Canada that he lost his wallet and luggage and needed money to get him by. He would promise to pay victims back and disappear once they wouldn't give him any more, police say. In some cases, investigators say Simon Gann faked seizures in order to get money for non-existent medical bills. Investigators say Simon Gann targeted men and women he met at bars, coffee shops, libraries, and near casinos. He has also allegedly located victims through CraigsList.com. He's charged with four counts of fraud, and police believe there are more victims. Anyone with information is asked to [contact Det. Robert Speakman of the Toronto Police Service](#) at 416-808-1100, call Crime Stoppers at 416-222-TIPS. Tips can also be reported at [www.222tips.com](#).

