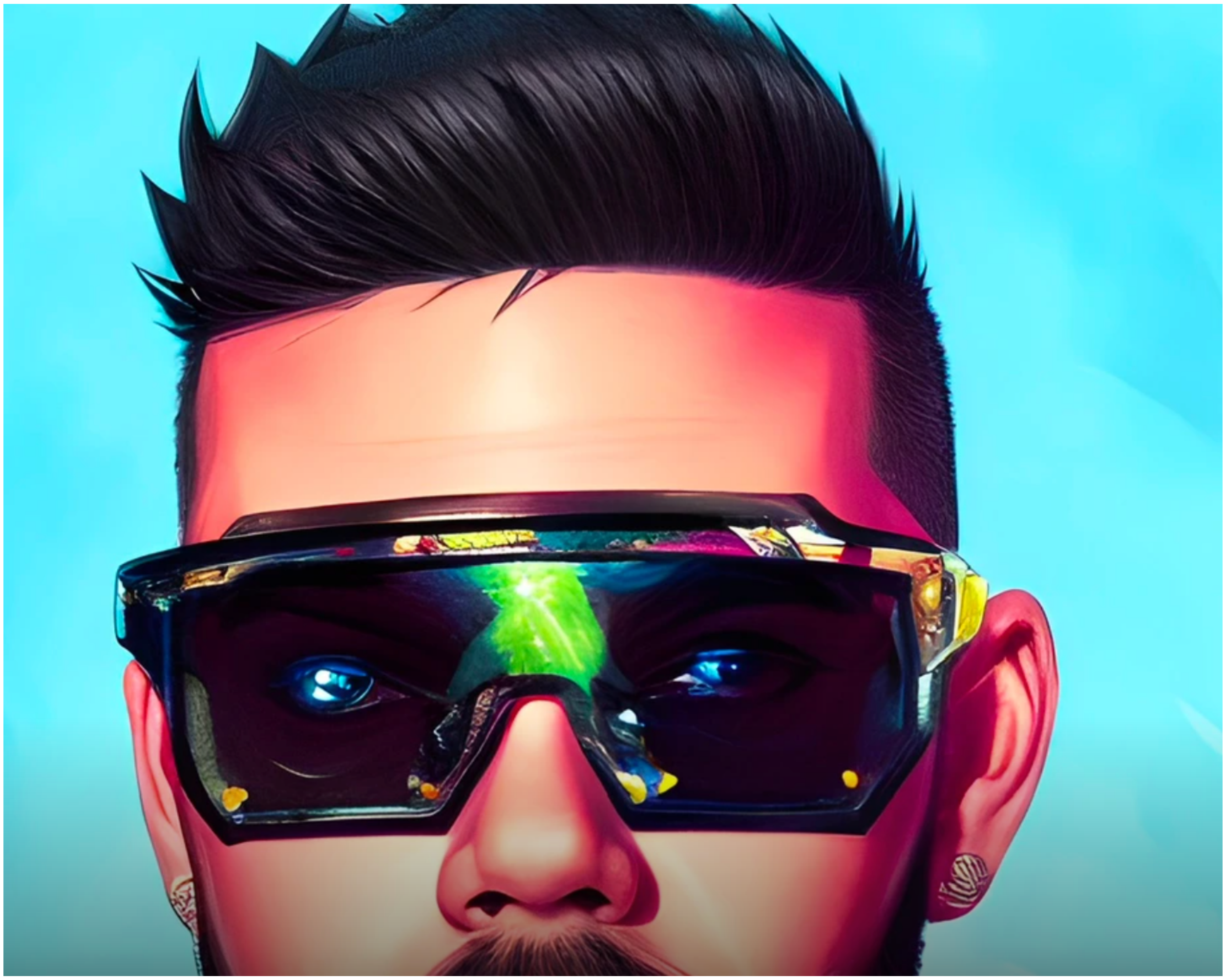
Miami Social Media Influencer Is Headed To The Slammer For Fraud

Scott Lee Huss admitted to fraudulently obtaining over $600,000 in pandemic loans and trying to pay off luxury cars with fake checks worth more than $300,000



Scott Lee Huss spent the early months of the pandemic like many Americans, stuck at home and watching his opportunities narrow. But one day he discovered an opportunity to make a little extra money.

The 28-year-old influencer and aspiring singer from Miami applied for six different COVID-19 relief loans in 2020, claiming he needed money to keep employees on payroll and cover business expenses. Instead, he spent the money on cryptocurrency and luxury cars.

Huss received a 27-month federal prison sentence last week after pleading guilty to wire fraud. His scheme began with more than $600,000 in fraudulent Paycheck Protection Program loans and ended three years later with him mailing fake checks worth hundreds of thousands of dollars to car finance companies in a desperate attempt to pay off a Lamborghini and a Mercedes-Benz.

Fake Companies Were Part Of The Scheme

Huss created four Florida companies to apply for the loans: Leadecom LLC, Apex Marketing Inc., Supremo Sociedad Anonima LLC, and Temple of the Tao Inc.

Between July 2020 and March 2021, wire transfers totaling more than $600,000 flowed into bank accounts he controlled. Court documents show he lied about how many employees his companies had and inflated their revenues to qualify for larger loans.

The Fake Check Scheme To Payoff His Cars

For more than a year, Huss seemed to get away with it. Then in September 2021, he bought a 2019 Lamborghini Urus for about $148,000, financing $120,000 of the purchase through a Boston-area lender. He made monthly payments from one of his company bank accounts for two years.

But by late 2023, something changed. Huss stopped making regular payments and instead mailed the lender what he called "payment vouchers" and "certified funds" purporting to pay off the car loan in full. The documents were fake.

He tried the same scheme with other car loans, mailing more than $300,000 in fraudulent checks to finance companies between November 2023 and January 2024. Court records show one fictitious check was written for $190,564 and another for $120,000.

The fake check scheme unraveled quickly. Federal investigators from Homeland Security Investigations and the State Department's Diplomatic Security Service began looking into Huss's finances. They discovered not just the phony checks but the fraudulent COVID loans that had funded his lifestyle for years.