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'Scum' accountant jailed for stealing \$2.3 million from clients



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He was the greedy Sydney accountant who thought he had got away with \$2.3 million dollars, but today karma and the law finally caught up with Colin James Oberg.

Oberg, 65, jailed for at least six years and three months for what a Judge said was a "bold and callous theft of the fruits of other people's labour."

Among his victims Underbelly actor Les Hill who handed over 35 thousand dollars, a man whose wife had just died of cancer and a couple who were about to retire.

He convinced them all to invest their money with him, but he handed those hard earned dollars over to a professional gambler who laundered it through an Adelaide casino and TABs.

None of the money has ever been recovered.

"I have worked hard now for nearly 60 years but he has stolen my retirement - I will now have to work until I drop dead."

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Another victim, Joanne Hammond, who worked with Oberg, told 9NEWS the accountant is "very cunning".

"He got what he deserves. He's just a mean man".

Oberg did not react to the sentence, the court heard he still denies he did anything wrong.

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