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Akron man indicted for bank fraud

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An Akron man has been indicted by a federal grand jury in Cleveland on three counts of bank fraud.

Gregory A. White, U.S. attorney for northern Ohio, said John M. Czoper, 60, of Rock Hill Lane, has been indicted on charges that he executed and attempted to execute three separate schemes to defraud Bank One, Provident Bank and Old Phoenix National Bank/First Merit Bank between March 1998 and September 2000.

White said the fraud involved agreements Czoper made with the banks to secure financing for vehicles sold and/or leased by Czoper's business, Tod Leasing, Inc., also known as The Auto Lease Co.

The banks suffered losses totalling \$754,424, White said.

Czoper could not be reached for comment.

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