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A Victorian man has been arrested after he allegedly defrauded the NDIS of around $700,000 over a two-year period.

A joint investigation by the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) and Victoria Police's Hamilton Crime Investigation Unit commenced after a man allegedly defrauded his own NDIS plan between 28 June 2024 and 30 June 2026.

Investigators allege the man established two businesses for the purpose of defrauding the NDIS.
It's alleged the man submitted false invoices for services he claimed to receive and distributed the funds into his bank accounts.

Detectives will also allege that the man dealt with property reasonably suspected of being proceeds of crime.

Yesterday, a search warrant was executed at a residential property in the Horsham area, and a 48-year-old man was taken into custody.

He will be interviewed in relation to the incidents.

Anyone with information about suspected fraud involving the NDIS should contact the NDIS fraud reporting and scams helpline on 1800 650 717. An interpreter service is available at 13 14 50. Or fill out our online NDIS Fraud reporting form .

Quotes attributable to a spokesperson for the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA):

"The vast majority of NDIS participants and providers do the right thing and use Scheme funding appropriately."

"We will continue to use intelligence, data analytics and joint investigations to identify, detect and disrupt fraud, so NDIS funding is protected for the Australians who rely on it."

Quotes attributable to Detective Sergeant Mark James from Hamilton Crime Investigation Unit:

"Our team worked extensively on this investigation to stop this person from allegedly defrauding a scheme designed to support some of the most vulnerable members of our community for his own financial gain."

"Victoria Police and the NDIA are committed to identifying and holding accountable anyone who seeks to profit through dishonest NDIS claims."

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