

## 5D VIDEO GAME FRANCHISER CHARGED WITH FRAUD

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Jackie G. Turner, who last week was advertising video game franchises and computer training, was charged Saturday with deceptive business practices and attempted theft.

Phillip Kavanaugh, an assistant circuit attorney, said that police arrested Turner, 35, after an investigation disclosed that his training school did not exist. A victim from Eldon, Mo., had paid Turner \$3,200, the prosecutor said.

Kavanaugh said the case will be presented to a grand jury later.

Turner allegedly used phony names and gave police several home addresses. He is also being sought on bad check charges by authorities in St. Louis County and Houston, Tex as .

Kavanaugh said Turner ran classified ads in the Post-Dispatch that read:

'Video space arcade center and routes available. Investment \$7,000. Also repair routes available. Training provided. \$3,200 investment required. Call Mr. Thompson . . . '

Kavanaugh gave this outline of the alleged fraud: Turner met his victims outside established computer companies and represented himself as associated with the business. After paying him, the victims were told to report for training Tuesday at a Brentwood address. The location turned out to be a automobile service garage that Turner had inquired about leasing.

A potential victim from St. Charles became suspicious and called police. Detectives William Berger and Ronald Young of the Central District equipped the victim with a tape recorder and had him meet Turner on Friday. He was arrested after their conversation was recorded.

Turner was unable to cash the \$3,200 check given to him by the only other known victim because a downtown bank would not honor his obviously false identification.