

Gambling

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in the airplane refused to comment on their involvement because of the illegal nature of the game.

Because each person buying into these games must recruit two more, the bottom level can expand enormously within a few days, yielding its collapse.

In fact, if an individual contacts two people one day, and those two each contact two the next day, and this rate continues for a month, more than a billion people will be on the bottom level alone at the end of this period.

"Anybody who looks closely at a pyramid scheme has to understand that sooner or later somebody's going to lose. That's where the money comes from to pay off the people who win," Hansen said.

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— Richard Hansen

smart enough to know better, and unfortunately I think probably the bottom line to it is that it hooks people who are greedy, and certainly college students are no less greedy than anybody else in the world," he said.

"A lot of con-artists... depend on a certain amount of greed in their victims in order to hook, and that makes the victims real reluctant to say 'Yeah, I was being greedy, and I took a stab at this and I got stab-

somebody else can win."

"I'm a bit of a gambler myself, but I like to be involved in the process," Frichette said. "I like to have the jack and the queen in my hand and say, 'stay or hit.' And to be involved in the airplane game, there's too many unknowns."

Inevitably a lot of people have to lose. That's the risk they take being so stupid as to get into something like that, that late, where it's going to break down, it's going to fall apart.

— Grant Campbell

"It will collapse," he continued. "I think that everybody who gets involved in it hopes that it will collapse just late enough for them to make something off it and get out."

"You'd think that college students of all people would be

bed instead," Hansen said.

At this point, police are not investigating the scheme.

"It's sort of like gambling. You know you could lose, so if you lose, where's your complaint?" Hansen said. "And, of course, gambling does rely on someone losing so that

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