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Ex-deputy chairman of listed company faces trial in December over perversion

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A former deputy chairman of a listed company, who was charged by the ICAC with perverting the course of public justice by seeking to influence the Chief Executive (CE) and the ICAC Commissioner to terminate an ICAC investigation, was set to face trial in December this year.

Appearing in the District Court today (Tuesday), Lew Mon-hung, 64, former deputy chairman and executive director of Pearl Oriental Oil Limited, pleaded not guilty to a charge of doing acts tending and intended to pervert the course of public justice, contrary to Common Law.

Judge Stanley Chan Kwong-chi adjourned the case until December 2 this year for trial.

The charge alleged that between January 9 and 10 this year, the defendant did a series of acts with intent to pervert the course of public justice.

The defendant was alleged to have sought to terminate an investigation being carried out by the ICAC against him and/or others by asserting his past dealings and association with CE Leung Chun-ying, by threat or by intimidation to influence Leung and/or ICAC Commissioner Peh Yun-lu through two e-mails addressed to Leung and Peh respectively, and a letter addressed to Leung and copied to Peh.

The defendant was granted cash bail of \$200,000. He was also ordered to surrender his travel documents, not to leave Hong Kong and not to interfere with prosecution witnesses.

The prosecution was today represented by Acting Senior Public Prosecutor Jonathan Lin, assisted by ICAC officer William Lam.

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