

Senior Station Officer of FSD charged with perversion

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A Senior Station Officer (SSO) of the Fire Services Department (FSD) has been charged by the ICAC with perverting public justice by failing to prosecute a restaurant for obstructing its means of escape and concealing the commission of such an offence.

Lee Ship, 39, who was charged yesterday (Wednesday), faces one count of doing an act tending and intended to pervert the course of public justice, contrary to Common Law.

The defendant will appear in the Eastern Magistracy at 9:30 am tomorrow (Friday) for plea.

The case arose from a corruption complaint referred by the FSD. Subsequent ICAC enquiries revealed the above alleged offence.

At the material time, the defendant was a SSO posted to the Building Improvement Division under the Fire Safety Command of the FSD. She was tasked to handle a complaint about obstruction of means of escape at a restaurant.

The charge alleges that on April 2, 2013, the defendant did an act which had a tendency to pervert the course of public justice.

The defendant is alleged to have submitted a memorandum to the Hong Kong and Kowloon West Fire Protection Regional Office of the FSD, reporting that no floating obstruction was found by her at the restaurant during her inspection on March 31, 2013; no legal action could be taken in respect of the restaurant by the FSD; and no further action was suggested.

The FSD had rendered full assistance to the ICAC during its investigation.

The defendant has been released on ICAC bail, pending her court appearance tomorrow.

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廉署起訴高級消防隊長涉嫌妨礙司法公正

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廉政公署落案起訴一名消防處高級消防隊長，控告她涉嫌妨礙司法公正，未有就一間餐廳阻塞逃生通道作出檢控，並隱瞞曾發生有關罪行。

李曄，三十九歲，於昨日(星期三)被控一項罪名，即作出可導致及意圖妨礙司法公正的行為，涉嫌違反普通法。

被告將於明日(星期五)上午九時三十分在東區裁判法院答辯。

廉署早時接獲消防處轉介的貪污投訴，調查後揭發上述涉嫌罪行。

被告於案發時擔任高級消防隊長，駐守消防處消防安全總區轄下樓宇改善課，並獲委派處理一宗有關餐廳阻塞逃生通道的投訴。

控罪指被告涉嫌於二〇一三年四月二日作出可導致妨礙司法公正的行為，意圖妨礙司法公正。

被告涉嫌向消防處港島區及西九龍分區防火辦事處遞交一份便箋，報告她於二〇一三年三月三十一日巡視該餐廳期間並無發現任何浮動障礙物；消防處就該餐廳並未能採取任何法律行動；及建議毋須繼續辦理。

消防處在廉署調查案件期間提供全面協助。

被告已獲廉署准予保釋，以待明日應訊。

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