

Ex-insurance director in court for alleged \$4.4m signing fee fraud

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A former district director of an insurance company appeared in the Eastern Magistracy today (Thursday) after being charged by the ICAC for allegedly defrauding the company of a signing fee amounting to over \$4.4 million with false income-proof documents.

Johnny Wong Chou, 43, former district director of American International Assurance Company (Bermuda) Limited (AIA), now known as AIA International Limited (AIA International), who was charged on Tuesday (March 10), faced one count of fraud, contrary to Section 16A of the Theft Ordinance.

No plea was taken today. Magistrate Mr So Wai-tak transferred the case to the District Court for plea on March 31 this year.

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

Prior to joining AIA, the defendant worked in another insurance company, Manulife (International) Limited (Manulife), as a district director.

The charge alleged that between December 1, 2010 and May 20, 2011, the defendant falsely represented to AIA that three statements of agent's account and a notification of remuneration accurately recorded the income during his employment with Manulife in four periods respectively.

It was alleged that with intent to defraud, the defendant induced AIA to release a signing fee amounting to over \$4.4 million to him, resulting in benefit to him or prejudice to AIA.

The defendant was granted cash bail of \$100,000. He was also ordered not to interfere with prosecution witnesses.

AIA International and Manulife had rendered full assistance to the ICAC during its investigation.

The prosecution was today represented by ICAC officer Bonnie Mak.

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廉署起訴前保險總監涉嫌欺詐四百四十萬元「握手費」今提堂

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廉政公署落案起訴一名保險公司前區域總監，控告他涉嫌以虛假入息證明文件詐騙該公司四百四十多萬元「握手費」。被告今日(星期四)在東區裁判法院應訊。

王宙，四十三歲，美國友邦保險(百慕達)有限公司(友邦)前區域總監，於星期二(三月十日)被控一項欺詐罪名，涉嫌違反《盜竊罪條例》第16A條。友邦現稱為友邦保險(國際)有限公司(友邦國際)。

被告毋須答辯。裁判官蘇惠德將案件轉介區域法院至本年三月三十一日進行答辯。

廉署早前接獲貪污投訴，調查後揭發上述涉嫌罪行。

在加盟友邦前，被告曾受僱於另一間保險公司宏利人壽保險(國際)有限公司(宏利)任職區域總監。

控罪指被告涉嫌於二〇一〇年十二月一日至二〇一一年五月二十日期間，虛假地向友邦表示，三份代理人戶口結單及一份支付薪酬通知書準確地分別記錄了他受僱於宏利期間四段不同時期的收入。

被告涉嫌意圖詐騙而誘使友邦向他發放一筆四百四十多萬元的簽約酬金，導致被告獲得利益或友邦蒙受不利。

被告獲准以現金十萬元保釋，並受命不得騷擾控方證人。

友邦國際及宏利在廉署調查案件期間提供全面協助。

控方今日由廉署人員麥秀慧代表出庭。

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