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Doctor and businessman charged with \$39m drugs orders fraud

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A doctor and a businessman have been charged by the ICAC for allegedly conspiring to defraud a medical centre and its suppliers in relation to the placing of drugs orders worth about \$39 million, while the businessman's wife is wanted for her alleged role in the case.

Kevin Wong Ka-ming, 41, a medical practitioner formerly employed as a consultant by AmMed Hong Kong Limited (AmMed); and Chan Chong, 43, a businessman, who were charged yesterday (Tuesday), face a joint charge of conspiracy to defraud.

The defendants, currently on ICAC bail, will appear at Eastern Magistracy at 9:30 am tomorrow (Thursday) pending transfer to the District Court for plea.

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

At the material time, Wong was employed as a consultant by AmMed, a medical centre which provides cancer treatment to patients. Ng Po-kam, wife of Chan, was a dispenser of AmMed, who was responsible for placing drugs orders with suppliers.

The charge alleges that between April 22, 2009 and August 1, 2010, the defendants conspired together with Ng to defraud AmMed and its drugs suppliers and intermediaries.

The defendants are alleged to have dishonestly used AmMed's account and placed drugs orders with the suppliers in the name of AmMed; falsely represented to suppliers that the drugs were required and purchased by AmMed; and concealed from AmMed that they had purchased and received the drugs from the suppliers.

It is alleged that the defendants then re-sold, transferred or disposed the said drugs for their own financial gains. The drugs orders were said to be worth about \$39 million.

AmMed and its drugs suppliers had rendered full assistance to the ICAC during the investigation.

Upon the application of the ICAC, Eastern Magistracy has issued a warrant today (Wednesday) for the arrest of Ng for her alleged involvement in the case.

Ng, 46, left Hong Kong prior to the commencement of the ICAC investigation.

Anyone who has information on the whereabouts of Ng or any other information which may lead to her arrest is urged to contact the ICAC on its 24-hour hotline 2526 6366. Information received will be treated in the strictest confidence.



Ng Po-kam, aged 46, is about 1.6 metres tall and of medium build.

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