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Businessman wanted by ICAC for alleged \$39m drugs orders fraud

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A warrant has been issued today (Thursday) by a magistrate for the arrest of a businessman, who failed to turn up at Eastern Magistracy after being charged by the ICAC with conspiracy to defraud a medical centre and its suppliers in relation to the placing of drugs orders worth about \$39 million.

Chan Chong, 43, who was charged on Tuesday with one count of conspiracy to defraud, was granted bail of \$100,000 in cash. He was required to appear at Eastern Magistracy today for mention.

After Chan failed to turn up in court, Magistrate Mr David Dufton issued a warrant for his arrest.

Co-defendant Kevin Wong Ka-ming, 41, a medical practitioner formerly employed as a consultant by AmMed Hong Kong Limited (AmMed), who faced the same conspiracy charge, appeared at Eastern Magistracy today.

No plea was taken. Magistrate Mr Dufton adjourned the case until January 5, 2012, pending transfer to the District Court.

Wong was granted cash bail of \$100,000. He was ordered to surrender travel documents, not to leave Hong Kong, and not to interfere with prosecution witnesses.

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 alleged that between April 22, 2009 and August 1, 2010, Wong and Chan conspired together with Ng to defraud AmMed and its drugs suppliers and intermediaries.

Wong and Chan were 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 was alleged that Wong and Chan 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.

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

The prosecution was today represented by Senior Public Prosecutor Laura Ng, assisted by ICAC officer Cressida To.

Upon the application of the ICAC, Eastern Magistracy yesterday issued a warrant 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 Chan and Ng or any other information which may lead to their arrest is urged to contact the ICAC on its 24-hour hotline 2526 6366. Information received will be treated in the strictest confidence.



Chan Chong, 43, is about 1.8 metres tall and of medium build.



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

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