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Man sentenced for attempting to mislead ICAC

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A consultant of a property management company at a residential building was today (Thursday) sentenced at the Kwun Tong Magistracy for attempting to knowingly mislead the ICAC by providing false quotations in relation to a lift maintenance project of the building.

Yip Mau-sang, 73, was sentenced to two months' imprisonment, suspended for one year, and fined \$5,000.

In sentencing, Magistrate Mr Anthony Yuen Wai-ming remarked that the offence committed by the defendant was serious in nature.

The magistrate added that a suspended sentence was imposed on the defendant after taking into account his guilty plea and old age.

The defendant today pleaded guilty to one count of attempting to knowingly mislead an ICAC officer, contrary to Section 13B(b) of the ICAC Ordinance.

The court heard that at the material time, the defendant was a consultant of Honor Fame Management Limited (HFM), the property management company of a residential building in Mongkok. He was responsible for handling all management works of the building.

At a meeting in January 2011, the incorporated owners (IO) of the building resolved to replace two lifts, and assigned HFM to source quotations.

One month later, the defendant reported at another meeting of the IO that he had invited quotations from several lift contractors, but only an electrical engineering company submitted a quotation with its payment term by instalments.

The IO resolved to award the lift replacement and maintenance contracts to the electrical engineering company.

The court heard that in February 2012, two ICAC officers interviewed the defendant as a witness in respect of a corruption allegation in relation to the award of the two contracts to the electrical engineering company.

The defendant later faxed to one of the ICAC officers quotations of three other lift contractors, with the dates of such quotations concealed. But investigation revealed that those contractors had never submitted any quotation for the project.

After being arrested by ICAC officers, the defendant admitted under caution his wrongdoing in concealing the dates of those quotations, the court was told.

The prosecution was today represented by prosecuting counsel Bernard Yuen, assisted by ICAC officer Simon Liu.

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