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Ex-insurance agents jailed for accepting \$563,000 bribes and deceiving commissions

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Two former insurance agents of an insurance company, charged by the ICAC, were today (Thursday) sent to jail at the Eastern Magistracy for accepting over \$563,000 in bribes and using bogus insurance policies to deceive commissions totalling over \$124,000 from the company.

Wong Yin-ping, 46, a senior unit manager formerly employed by Dah Sing Insurance Services Limited (Dah Sing Insurance), received a jail term 16 months.

Co-defendant Tang Wing-kwong, 53, a former insurance agent of Dah Sing Insurance, was sentenced to four months' imprisonment, and ordered to pay Dah Sing Insurance over \$32,800 as restitution.

In sentencing, Principal Magistrate Ms Bina Chainrai remarked that the defendants deserved immediate custodial sentences as the offences committed by them were serious in nature.

Wong earlier admitted 10 charges - three of agent conspiring to accept advantages, contrary to Section 9(1)(a) of the Prevention of Bribery Ordinance (POBO) and Section 159A of the Crimes Ordinance; and seven of agents conspiring to use documents with intent to deceive their principal, contrary to Section 9(3) of the POBO and Section 159A of the Crimes Ordinance.

Tang pleaded guilty to one count of agent using documents with intent to deceive his principal, contrary to Section 9(3) of the POBO.

The court heard that at the material time, Wong was employed by Dah Sing Insurance as senior unit manager. She was the direct supervisor of Tang and three other insurance agents - Lau Kwok-kei, Monita Cheng Woon-ho and Cheng Chong (the trio).

As a senior unit manager, Wong was required to reach the required production targets and/or maintain certain number of productive down-line agents. If Wong failed to do so, she might have her allowances and bonuses withheld and might even be demoted or terminated.

The court heard that as the trio was unable to procure any insurance policy, Wong proposed she could source clients for them.

Wong asked the trio to sign, as the handling agent, on a number of insurance policy application forms. But the trio had never met with the policy applicants or proposed insured.

Between July 2008 and October 2009, Wong conspired with the trio to submit 41 bogus insurance policy application forms to Dah Sing Insurance. Upon Wong's request, the trio paid her a total of over \$563,000 being the monthly allowances and commissions they received from the company.

In January 2009, Tang also submitted two other bogus insurance policy applications to Dah Sing Insurance for the same purpose.

Pursuant to the above bogus insurance policy applications, Dah Sing Insurance issued commissions of more than \$92,000 and over \$32,800 to Wong and Tang respectively, the court was told.

The trio was also charged by the ICAC for their respective roles in the case.

Lau Kwok-kei, 52, and Monita Cheng Woon-ho, 56, who earlier pleaded guilty to their respective charges, will be sentenced at the Kwun Tong Magistracy on May 20 and the Eastern Magistracy on August 2 respectively; while Cheng Chong, 25, was earlier convicted of his charges after trial, and will be sentenced at the Eastern Magistracy on August 6.

Dah Sing Insurance rendered full assistance to the ICAC during its investigation.

The prosecution was today represented by Senior Public Prosecutor Cecilia Chan, assisted by ICAC officer Alchian Poon.

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