Ex-finance company executive charged for alleged bribe-for-loan scam

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A former sales executive of a finance company has been charged by the ICAC today (Friday) with bribery and fraud in relation to a loan application from a domestic helper.

Cinthy Rusdiana Rusta, 36, formerly employed by Public Finance Limited (PFL), faces two charges one of agent accepting an advantage, contrary to Section 9(1)(a) of the Prevention of Bribery Ordinance; and one of conspiracy to defraud, contrary to Common Law.

The defendant will appear in the Eastern Magistracy in the morning of next Tuesday (January 20) for plea.

At the material time, the defendant was a sales executive of PFL, a licensed money lender in Hong Kong. She was responsible for promoting loan products to foreign domestic helpers working in Hong Kong.

One of the charges alleges that in March 2013, the defendant, without lawful authority or reasonable excuse, accepted \$1,000 from a domestic helper as a reward for referring her to apply for a loan from PFL.

The other charge alleges that on April 3, 2013, the defendant conspired with the domestic helper to defraud PFL by dishonestly submitting false photocopies of passport, employment visa and employment contract of the latter to PFL, causing PFL to approve a loan of \$4,000 to her.

PFL had rendered full assistance to the ICAC during its investigation.

The defendant has been released on ICAC bail, pending her court appearance next Tuesday.

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