

Woman charged with bribing public servants over niche application

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A woman has been charged by the ICAC with offering over \$23,000 in bribes to two staff members of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) and the Immigration Department (ImmD), and using a false letter of identity in her application for a niche for her late grandmother.

Anita Lo Wai-yee, 70, who was charged yesterday (Monday), faces three charges – two of offering an advantage to a public servant, contrary to Section 4(1)(a) of the Prevention of Bribery Ordinance, and one of using a false instrument, contrary to Section 73 of the Crimes Ordinance.

The defendant will appear at the Kowloon City Magistracy tomorrow (Wednesday) for plea.

At the material time, the defendant was applying to the FEHD for a niche for her deceased grandmother. To support her application, the defendant was required to apply to the ImmD for a documentary proof of the deceased's identity as a Hong Kong resident.

One of the charges alleges that on August 25, 2014, the defendant offered a cheque in the sum of \$3,850 to a Clerical Officer of the ImmD as a reward for processing her application for a Certificate of Registered Particulars in respect of her deceased grandmother.

Another charge alleges that on August 27, 2014, the defendant offered another cheque in the sum of \$19,450 to an Assistant Venue Manager of the FEHD as a reward for processing her application for a niche for her deceased grandmother.

The remaining charge alleges that on August 30, 2014, the defendant used a letter, which she knew to be false, purportedly issued by the ImmD to the effect that her grandmother was the holder of a Hong Kong Permanent Identity Card, with the intention of inducing the Assistant Venue Manager of the FEHD to accept it as genuine.

The case arose from a corruption complaint referred by the FEHD. During its investigation into the complaint, the ICAC had received full assistance from the FEHD and the ImmD.

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

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廉署起訴婦人涉嫌就申請龕位行賄公職人員

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廉政公署落案起訴一名婦人，控告她涉嫌為其已故外祖母申請靈灰龕位時，向食物環境衛生署(食環署)及入境事務處(入境處)的兩名職員行賄共二萬三千多元，以及使用一封虛假的身分證明信件。

盧慧儀，七十歲，於昨日(星期一)被控共三項罪名，即兩項向公職人員提供利益，涉嫌違反《防止賄賂條例》第4(1)(a)條，及一項使用虛假文書，涉嫌違反《刑事罪行條例》第73條。

被告將於明日(星期三)在九龍城裁判法院答辯。

被告於案發時為其已故外祖母向食環署申請靈灰龕位。被告須向入境處申請證明文件，證實已故人士具備香港居民身分，以支持其靈灰龕位申請。

其中一項控罪指被告涉嫌於二〇一四年八月二十五日，向一名入境處文書主任提供一張三千八百五十元支票，作為處理被告為其已故外祖母申請「登記事項證明書」的報酬。

另一項控罪指被告涉嫌於二〇一四年八月二十七日，向一名食環署助理場地經理提供另一張一萬九千四百五十元支票，作為處理被告為其已故外祖母申請靈灰龕位的報酬。

餘下控罪指被告涉嫌於二〇一四年八月三十日，使用一封自己知道屬虛假並看來是由入境處發出的信件，指其外祖母為一張香港永久性居民身分證的持有人，意圖誘使上述食環署助理場地經理接受其為真文書。

廉署早前接獲食環署轉介的貪污投訴，廉署調查案件期間獲得食環署及入境處提供全面協助。

被告已獲廉署准予保釋，以待明日應訊。

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