

Tai Po DC member and two others in court over theft of funds

29 October 2015

A member of the Tai Po District Council (DC) and two office bearers of a Chinese dance association appeared in the Fanling Magistracy today (Thursday) after being charged by the ICAC with conspiracy to steal government funds.

Wong Chau-pak, 61, member of the Tai Po DC; Yau Lai-kuen, 55, chairlady of China Federation of National Dance Association (CFNDA), and Samketer Yeung Sau-fong, 54, secretary of CFNDA, who were charged on Tuesday (October 27), faced a joint charge of conspiracy to steal, contrary to Section 9 of the Theft Ordinance and Section 159A of the Crimes Ordinance.

The defendants pleaded not guilty to the charge. Principal Magistrate Ms Bernadette Woo Huey-fang adjourned the case until December 16 this year for a pre-trial review.

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

At the material time, Wong was a member of the Tai Po DC, while Yau and Yeung were respectively chairlady and secretary of CFNDA, a non-profit making association organising social activities and providing a platform for Chinese ethnic dancing performances in the community.

The charge alleged that between July 23, 2013 and January 13, 2014, Wong, Yau and Yeung conspired together and with a Chinese ethnic dancing instructor to steal \$1,840 being property belonging to the Hong Kong Government.

The defendants were granted cash bail of \$2,000 each. They were ordered not to interfere with prosecution witnesses.

The prosecution was today represented by ICAC officer Calvin Wong.

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廉署起訴大埔區議員及另外兩人涉 嫌盜竊撥款今提堂

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廉政公署落案起訴一名大埔區議會議員及一個中國舞協會兩名幹事，控告他們涉嫌盜竊政府撥款。被告今日(星期四)在粉嶺裁判法院應訊。

王秋北，六十一歲，大埔區議會議員；游麗娟，五十五歲，中國民族歌舞協進會(協進會)主席，及楊秀芳，五十四歲，協進會秘書，同被控一項串謀盜竊罪名，涉嫌違反《盜竊罪條例》第9條及《刑事罪行條例》第159A條。

各被告否認控罪。主任裁判官吳惠芳將案件押後至本年十二月十六日進行預審。

廉署早前接獲貪污投訴，調查其後揭發上述涉嫌串謀盜竊罪行。

王於案發時是大埔區議會議員，而游及楊則分別是協進會的主席及秘書。該協進會為非牟利機構，在社區內舉辦社交活動和提供機會讓居民表演中國民族舞。

控罪指王、游及楊涉嫌於二〇一三年七月二十三日至二〇一四年一月十三日期間，一同串謀並與一名中國民族舞導師串謀盜竊一千八百四十元屬香港政府的財產。

被告各獲准以現金二千元保釋，並受命不得騷擾控方證人。

控方今日由廉署人員黃國強代表出庭。

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