

Four in court over false claims of allowances from Yuen Long DC

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Four persons, including two staff members of an elderly centre, appeared in the Tuen Mun Magistracy today (Thursday) after being charged by the ICAC with conspiracy to defraud the Yuen Long District Council (DC) of allowances totalling about \$19,000.

The defendants, who were charged on Tuesday (January 5), were Wong Po-mei, Yip Mei-fong, both 52, respectively supervisor and welfare worker of the Yuen Long Town Hall Mr Chan Ying Tseung Memorial Social Centre for the Elderly (the elderly centre); Cheung Hau-leung, 67, and Cheung Ching-nga, 40, both operators of Sun Nga Book Shop.

Wong, Yip, Cheung Hau-leung and Cheung Ching-nga faced a joint charge of conspiracy to defraud, contrary to Common Law. Wong alone was charged with a similar offence, while Wong and Yip faced another similar offence.

The defendants pleaded not guilty to their respective charges. Magistrate Ms Winnie Lau Yee-wan adjourned the case until February 18 this year for a pre-trial review.

The case arose from a corruption complaint. Subsequent ICAC enquiries revealed the above alleged offences.

At the material time, the elderly centre was a non-profit making community centre for the elderly. Among other services, the elderly centre organised day tours and interest classes for its members, and was eligible to apply for allowances, such as meal and printing allowances, from the Yuen Long DC.

One of the charges alleged that between February 8, 2012 and March 18, 2013, Wong conspired with a programme worker of the elderly centre to defraud the Yuen Long DC of meal allowances totalling \$10,150 in relation to three events organised by the elderly centre.

Another charge alleged that between March 5, 2012 and March 25, 2013, Wong and Yip conspired together to defraud the Yuen Long DC of meal allowances totalling \$6,090 in relation to two events organised by the elderly centre.

The remaining charge alleged that between March 3, 2012 and March 25, 2013, Wong, Yip, Cheung Hau-leung and Cheung Ching-nga conspired together to defraud the Yuen Long DC of printing allowances totalling \$2,700 in relation to nine events organised by the elderly centre.

The defendants were each granted cash bail of \$10,000.

The Yuen Long DC had rendered full assistance to the ICAC during its investigation.

The prosecution was today represented by ICAC officer Eric Siu.

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廉署起訴四人涉嫌向元朗區議會詐騙津貼今提堂

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四名人士，包括兩名老人中心職員，涉嫌串謀向元朗區議會詐騙共約一萬九千元的津貼，被廉政公署起訴。被告今日(星期四)在屯門裁判法院應訊。

各被告於星期二(一月五日)被起訴，他們是黃寶美、葉美芳，同為五十二歲，分別是元朗大會堂陳應祥紀念老人中心(老人中心)主任及福利工作人員；張孝良，六十七歲，及張靜雅，四十歲，同為新雅書局經營者。

黃寶美、葉美芳、張孝良及張靜雅同被控一項串謀詐騙罪名，涉嫌違反普通法。黃寶美另被控一項相類罪名，而黃寶美及葉美芳則被控另一項相類罪名。

各被告否認其控罪。裁判官劉綺雲將案件押後至本年二月十八日進行預審。

廉署早前接獲貪污投訴，調查後揭發上述涉嫌罪行。

該老人中心於案發時是一所為長者而設的非牟利社區中心。它提供多項服務，其中包括為其會員舉辦日間旅行和興趣班，並有資格向元朗區議會申請餐膳津貼、印刷津貼等各項津貼。

其中一項控罪指黃寶美涉嫌於二〇一二年二月八日至二〇一三年三月十八日期間，與老人中心的一名活動工作人員就該中心舉辦的三項活動，串謀向元朗區議會詐騙餐膳津貼合共一萬零一百五十元。

另一項控罪指黃寶美及葉美芳涉嫌於二〇一二年三月五日至二〇一三年三月二十五日期間，就該老人中心舉辦的兩項活動，串謀向元朗區議會詐騙餐膳津貼合共六千零九十元。

餘下一項控罪指黃寶美、葉美芳、張孝良及張靜雅涉嫌於二〇一二年三月三日至二〇一三年三月二十五日期間，就該老人中心舉辦的九項活動，串謀向元朗區議會詐騙印刷津貼合共二千七百元。

被告各獲准以現金一萬元保釋。

元朗區議會在廉署調查案件期間提供全面協助。

控方今日由廉署人員蕭文光代表出庭。

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