Duo in court over bribery in leasing and subletting of properties

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A former employee of a property development company and a director of a recycling company appeared in the Kowloon City Magistracy today (Wednesday) after being charged by the ICAC with bribery in relation to the leasing and subletting of properties.

The defendants, who were charged on Monday (March 21), were Rodney Leung Kwai-ki, 57, former property officer of Lai Sun Development Company Limited (LSD); and Samson Wong Kin-kwok, 44, former director cum shareholder of Li Hing Recycling Limited (LHR).

Leung faced two charges – one of agent accepting an advantage and one of agent soliciting an advantage, both contrary to Section 9(1)(a) of the Prevention of Bribery Ordinance (POBO), while Wong faced one count of offering an advantage to an agent, contrary to Section 9(2)(a) of the POBO.

The defendants pleaded not guilty to the charges today. Principal Magistrate Peter Law Tak-chun adjourned the case until May 18 this year for a pre-trial review.

At the material time, Leung was a property officer of LSD, who was responsible for dealing with leasing matters of shops and residential premises owned by associate companies of LSD, a property development and management company. Wong was a director cum shareholder of LHR, a scrap metal recycling company.

One of the charges alleged that on February 26, 2014, Wong, without lawful authority or reasonable excuse, offered \$15,000 to Leung as a reward for leasing a shop premises in Sham Shui Po to Wong.

Another charge alleged that on March 20, 2014, Leung, without lawful authority or reasonable excuse, accepted \$10,000 from another tenant as a reward for leasing a residential property in Sham Shui Po to the tenant.

The remaining charge alleged that between June 1 and August 31, 2014, Leung, without lawful authority or reasonable excuse, solicited \$40,000 from the aforesaid tenant as a reward for conniving at the subletting of the residential property by the tenant.

Leung and Wong were each granted cash bail of \$15,000.

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

The prosecution was today represented by ICAC officer Jeffrey Ng.

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廉署起訴兩人涉嫌就物業出租及分 租行賄受賄今提堂

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廉政公署落案起訴一名物業發展公司前僱員及一名環保公司董事·控告他們涉嫌就物業出租及分租分別受賄行賄。被告今日(星期三)在九龍城裁判法院應訊。

兩名於星期一(三月二十一日)被起訴的被告為梁桂祺·五十七歲·麗新發展有限公司(麗新發展)前物業主任·及黃健國·四十四歲·利興環保有限公司(利興環保)前董事兼股東。

梁被控兩項罪名·即一項代理人接受利益及一項代理人索取利益·涉嫌違反《防止賄賂條例》第9(1)(a)條;而黃則被控一項向代理人提供利益罪名·涉嫌違反《防止賄賂條例》第9(2)(a)條。

兩名被告今日否認控罪。主任裁判官羅德泉將案件押後至本年五月十八日進行預審。

梁於案發時為物業發展及管理公司麗新發展的物業主任,負責處理麗新發展聯營公司擁有的店舗和住宅物業的租賃業務。黃則是利興環保的董事兼股東,該公司從事廢金屬回收。

其中一項控罪指黃涉嫌於二〇一四年二月二十六日·無合法權限或合理辯解而向梁提供一萬五千元· 作為把深水埗一個店舖租給黃的報酬。

另一項控罪指梁涉嫌於二〇一四年三月二十日,無合法權限或合理辯解而從另一名租客接受一萬元, 作為把深水埗一個住宅物業租給對方的報酬。

餘下控罪指梁涉嫌於二〇一四年六月一日至八月三十一日期間,無合法權限或合理辯解而向上述租客索取四萬元,作為縱容該租客把有關住宅物業分租的報酬。

梁及黃各獲准以現金一萬五千元保釋。

麗新發展在廉署調查案件期間提供全面協助。

控方今日由廉署人員吳澤輝代表出庭。

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