

Senior Ambulanceman of FSD admits misconduct

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A Senior Ambulanceman of the Fire Services Department (FSD), charged by the ICAC, today (Wednesday) admitted that he had misconducted himself by deactivating the Global Positioning System (GPS) installed on ambulances on over 200 occasions so as to avoid emergency duties.

Appearing in the District Court today, Yu Sum-fat Troson-Zab, 54, pleaded guilty to one count of misconduct in public office, contrary to Common Law.

Judge Gary Lam Kar-yan adjourned the case to May 19 this year for sentence, pending a community service order report. The defendant was granted cash bail of \$5,000.

The case arose from a corruption complaint referred by the FSD. Subsequent ICAC enquiries revealed the above offence of misconduct in public office.

The court heard that at the material time, the defendant was a Senior Ambulanceman of the FSD posted to its Lam Tin Ambulance Depot.

To ensure that the Fire Services Communication Centre (FSCC) could make accurate, efficient and timely deployment of ambulances to the scenes of incidents, the Third Generation Mobilising System (TGMS) was installed on each ambulance.

When manning an ambulance as the Ambulance Supervisor, the defendant must ensure that the GPS of TGMS installed on the ambulance was switched on at all times.

The court heard that between September 1, 2013 and January 22, 2014, the defendant wilfully and intentionally misconducted himself by deactivating the GPS on the ambulances he manned on 204 occasions, mostly during journey of conveying patients to hospitals.

After handing over patients to the accident and emergency departments of the hospitals on those occasions, the defendant manually inputted false locations of the ambulances into the Mobile Data Terminal (MDT) of TGMS installed on those ambulances.

Most of the locations inputted by the defendant into the MDT were remote areas, such as a hill or a cemetery. They were far away from any hospital and not on the route to his designated depots, including the Lam Tin Ambulance Depot.

As a result, staff members of the FSCC were misled to believe that the ambulances manned by the defendant were not available for emergency duties at areas close to the true locations of those ambulances, the court was told.

The FSD had rendered full assistance to the ICAC during its investigation.

The prosecution was today represented by Senior Public Prosecutor Jonathan Lin, assisted by ICAC officer Mon Chan.

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消防處救護隊目承認行為失當候判

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一名消防處救護隊目，先後二百多次關閉裝置在救護車上的全球定位系統，以避免執行緊急職務，早前被廉政公署控以公職人員行為失當罪名。被告今日(星期三)承認控罪。

余岑發，五十四歲，今日在區域法院承認一項公職人員行為失當罪名，違反普通法。

法官林嘉欣將案件押後至本年五月十九日判刑，以待被告的社會服務令報告。被告獲准以現金五千元保釋。

廉署早前接獲消防處轉介的貪污投訴，調查其後揭發上述公職人員行為失當罪行。

被告於案發時為消防處救護隊目，並派駐藍田救護站。

為確保消防通訊中心能夠準確、有效和適時調派救護車到事故現場，每輛救護車均安裝了第三代調派系統。

當被告擔任救護車主管時，他必須確保由其掌管的救護車所安裝的第三代調派系統內的全球定位系統時刻保持開啟。

案情透露，被告於二〇一三年九月一日至二〇一四年一月二十二日期間，故意及蓄意行為失當，先後二百零四次關閉由其掌管的救護車的全球定位系統，大部分情況是於接載傷病者到醫院時發生。

被告於上述情況將傷病者移交到醫院急症室後，以人手將救護車的錯誤位置輸入安裝在救護車上的第三代調派系統的流動數據終端機。

大部分由被告輸入的位置均屬偏遠地方，例如山上或墳場。該等地方遠離任何醫院，以及並非在其獲指派救護站的路線上，包括藍田救護站。

消防通訊中心的職員在被誤導下，相信由被告掌管的救護車未能在上述救護車真正位置附近的地區執行緊急職務。

消防處在廉署調查案件期間提供全面協助。

控方今日由高級檢控官連普禧代表出庭，並由廉署人員陳美蘭協助。

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