

Senior Dental Officer charged with misconduct and inputting false appointments

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A Senior Dental Officer of the Department of Health (DoH) has been charged by the ICAC today (Wednesday) with misconduct in public office by providing dental treatment to an ineligible person, and obtaining illegal access to its booking system to input false appointments.

Janet Lau Wing-kam, 54, faces a charge of misconduct in public office and an alternative charge of conspiracy to defraud, both contrary to Common Law.

She also faces five counts of access to computer with criminal or dishonest intent, contrary to Section 161(1)(b) of the Crimes Ordinance.

The defendant will appear in the Kwun Tong Magistracy on Friday (May 27) for plea.

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

At the material time, the defendant was a Senior Dental Officer of the DoH in charge of its Kwun Tong Yung Fung Shee Dental Clinic, which provides free dental services to eligible persons, including civil servants, their dependents, and pensioners.

One of the charges alleges that on August 19, 2015, the defendant, in the course of or in relation to her public office, without reasonable excuse or justification, wilfully and intentionally misconducted herself by falsely representing that her younger brother was her husband who was eligible for receiving free dental service at the clinic and that her younger brother was attending the clinic pursuant to a dental appointment for her husband which she had recorded in its computer; and providing dental treatment, including X-ray examination, to her younger brother. The younger brother was not a civil servant and was not eligible for the free dental service.

The alternative charge alleges that on August 19, 2015, the defendant conspired with her younger brother to defraud officers and staff members in the clinic by dishonestly taking the above courses of action.

The remaining charges allege that on five occasions between June 5, 2014 and June 11, 2015, the defendant obtained access to a computer in the clinic with a dishonest intent. She was said to have inputted false appointments into its booking system to falsely represent that some patients would attend the clinic for dental services to be provided by her.

The DoH has rendered full assistance to the ICAC during its investigation.

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

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廉署起訴高級牙醫涉嫌行為失當及 輸入虛假診症預約

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廉政公署今日(星期三)落案起訴一名衛生署高級牙科醫生，控告她涉嫌公職人員行為失當而為一名不符合資格人士提供牙科治療，以及非法取用衛生署電腦，將虛假診症預約輸入其預約系統。

劉詠琴，五十四歲，被控一項公職人員行為失當罪名及一項串謀詐騙的交替罪名，同涉嫌違反普通法。

她亦被控五項有犯罪或不誠實意圖取用電腦罪名，涉嫌違反《刑事罪行條例》第161(1)(b)條。

被告將於星期五(五月二十七日)在觀塘裁判法院答辯。

廉署早前接獲衛生署轉介的貪污投訴，調查其後揭發上述涉嫌罪行。

被告於案發時是衛生署高級牙科醫生，並為觀塘容鳳書牙科診所的主管。該診所提供免費牙科服務予合資格人士包括公務員、其供養人士及領取退休金的公務員。

其中一項控罪指被告涉嫌於二〇一五年八月十九日，在擔任公職或在有關的情況下，未有合理辯解或理由，故意及蓄意地作出失當行為，即虛假地表示其弟是她的丈夫而符合資格在有關診所接受免費牙科服務；其弟是按她為丈夫在該診所電腦輸入的牙科預約紀錄到診所求診；以及向其弟提供包括X光檢查的牙科治療。其弟不是公務員及不符合資格享有免費牙科服務。

交替控罪指被告涉嫌於二〇一五年八月十九日，串謀其弟不誠實地進行上述行為而詐騙該診所人員及職員。

餘下控罪指被告涉嫌於二〇一四年六月五日至二〇一五年六月十一日期間，先後五次在該診所有不誠實意圖欺騙而取用一部電腦。據報她在預約系統輸入虛假診症預約，訛稱某些病人會到診所接受她提供的牙科服務。

衛生署在廉署調查案件期間提供全面協助。

被告已獲廉署准予保釋，以待星期五應訊。

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