

Ex-chauffeur in court for bribery over sale of sports car

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A former chauffeur of an interior design company appeared in the Kwun Tong Magistracy today (November 18) after being charged by the ICAC with soliciting and accepting bribes totalling over \$10,000 in relation to the sale of a sports car at an asking price of \$1.3 million.

Franco Seto Kin-kwan, 53, former chauffeur of Legend Interiors Limited (Legend), who was charged on Wednesday (November 16), faced two charges – one of agent soliciting an advantage and one of agent accepting an advantage, contrary to Section 9(1)(a) of the Prevention of Bribery Ordinance.

No plea was taken today. Principal Magistrate Mr Ernest Lin Kam-hung adjourned the case to December 29 this year for plea.

At the material time, the defendant was employed by Legend as a chauffeur. Apart from driving, the defendant was also responsible for handling matters relating to vehicles owned by the director cum sole shareholder of Legend and his wife.

In early June 2014, the director cum sole shareholder of Legend assigned the defendant to follow up on the sale of a sports car at an asking price of \$1.3 million.

One of the charges alleged that between June 3 and 19, 2014, the defendant, without lawful authority or reasonable excuse, solicited a few thousand dollars from an employee of an associated firm of Glorious Motors Limited (GML) as a reward for making arrangement for the sale of the sports car to GML.

The other charge alleged that on June 23, 2014, the defendant, without lawful authority or reasonable excuse, accepted \$10,000 from another associated firm of GML as a reward for making arrangement for the sale of the sports car to GML.

The defendant was granted cash bail of \$5,000. He was ordered not to leave Hong Kong and not to interfere with prosecution witnesses.

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

The prosecution was today represented by ICAC officer Chris Chan.

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廉署起訴前司機出售跑車疑涉貪今 提堂

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廉政公署起訴一名室內計設公司前司機，控告他涉嫌在出售一輛叫價一百三十萬元的跑車時索取及接受共逾一萬元賄款。被告今日(十一月十八日)在觀塘裁判法院應訊。

司徒健群，五十三歲，理程室內工程有限公司(理程)前司機，於星期三(十一月十六日)被控兩項罪名，即一項代理人索取利益及一項代理人接受利益，違反《防止賄賂條例》第9(1)(a)條。

被告暫時無須答辯。主任裁判官練錦鴻將案件押後至本年十二月二十九日答辯。

被告於案發時受僱於理程擔任司機。除了駕駛工作外，他亦負責處理有關理程董事兼唯一股東及其妻子所擁有的車輛的相關事務。

理程董事兼唯一股東於二〇一四年六月初指派被告跟進一輛跑車的出售事宜，該跑車的叫價為一百三十萬元。

其中一項控罪指被告涉嫌於二〇一四年六月三日至十九日期間，無合法權限或合理辯解而向東榮汽車有限公司(東榮汽車)聯營公司的一名僱員索取數千元，作為安排向東榮汽車出售有關跑車的報酬。

另一項控罪指被告涉嫌於二〇一四年六月二十三日，無合法權限或合理辯解而從東榮汽車另一間聯營公司接受一萬元，作為安排向東榮汽車出售有關跑車的報酬。

被告獲准以現金五千元保釋，並受命不准離開香港及不得騷擾控方證人。

理程在廉署調查案件期間提供全面協助。

控方今日由廉署人員陳湛銘代表出庭。

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