

## **Freelance agent charged with offering \$4.9m illegal commissions to secure business**

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A freelance agent of three companies has been charged by the ICAC with offering illegal commissions totalling over \$4.9 million to a then manager of a toy manufacturing firm to secure business.

Ricky Ho Po-wah, 45, who was charged last Friday (December 9), faces four counts of offering advantages to an agent, contrary to Section 9(2)(a) of the Prevention of Bribery Ordinance.

The defendant will appear at the Kowloon City Magistracy tomorrow (December 13) for transfer of the case to the District Court for plea.

Fotorama (Hong Kong) Limited (Fotorama Hong Kong), a toy manufacturing firm, placed orders with different suppliers on behalf of its parent company in Mexico and subsidiaries.

At the material time, the defendant was a freelance agent of three suppliers of Fotorama Hong Kong, namely an electronics supplier, a printing supplier and a toy manufacturing supplier.

One of the charges alleges that between an unknown day in 2011 and April 30, 2013, the defendant, together with two other persons, offered commissions of over \$362,000 to a manager of Fotorama Hong Kong as a reward for assisting the electronics supplier in securing business from Fotorama Hong Kong, the toy manufacturing supplier and another toy manufacturer.

Another charge alleges that between an unknown day in 2011 and March 31, 2015, the defendant, together with another person, offered commissions of over \$1.13 million to the manager of Fotorama Hong Kong as a reward for assisting the printing supplier in securing business from Fotorama Hong Kong, the toy manufacturing supplier and that toy manufacturer.

A third charge alleges that on September 16, 2015, the defendant, together with another person, offered a commission of around \$245,000 to the manager of Fotorama Hong Kong as a reward for assisting the toy manufacturing supplier in securing business from Fotorama Hong Kong.

The remaining charge alleges that between an unknown day in 2012 and July 10, 2015, the defendant, together with that person, offered commissions of over \$3.2 million to the manager of Fotorama Hong Kong for the same purpose.

Fotorama Hong Kong has rendered full assistance to the ICAC during its investigation.

The defendant has been released on ICAC bail, pending his court appearance tomorrow.

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## 廉署起訴特約經紀涉嫌提供四百九十萬元非法佣金以取得生意

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廉政公署落案起訴一名代表三間公司的特約經紀，控告他涉嫌向當時一名玩具生產商經理提供共逾四百九十萬元非法佣金以取得生意。

何寶華，四十五歲，上星期五(十二月九日)被控四項向代理人提供利益罪名，違反《防止賄賂條例》第9(2)(a)條。

被告將於明日(十二月十三日)在九龍城裁判法院應訊，以待案件轉介區域法院答辯。

豐圖(香港)有限公司(豐圖香港)是一間玩具生產商，負責為豐圖香港在墨西哥的母公司及其附屬公司向不同的供應商發出訂單。

被告於案發時為特約經紀，他代表豐圖香港的三間供應商，即一間電子製品供應商、一間印刷供應商及一間玩具生產供應商。

其中一項控罪指被告涉嫌於二〇一一年某日至二〇一三年四月三十日期間，連同兩名人士向豐圖香港一名經理提供逾三十六萬二千元佣金，作為協助該電子製品供應商從豐圖香港、該玩具生產供應商及另一間玩具生產商取得生意的報酬。

另外一項控罪指被告涉嫌於二〇一一年某日至二〇一五年三月三十一日期間，連同另一名人士向該豐圖香港經理提供逾一百一十三萬元佣金，作為協助該印刷供應商從豐圖香港、該玩具生產供應商及上述有關玩具生產商取得生意的報酬。

第三項控罪指被告涉嫌於二〇一五年九月十六日，連同另一名人士向該豐圖香港經理提供約二十四萬五千元佣金，作為協助該玩具生產供應商從豐圖香港取得生意的報酬。

餘下控罪指被告涉嫌於二〇一二年某日至二〇一五年七月十日期間，連同上述有關人士以相同目的向該豐圖香港經理提供逾三百二十萬元佣金。

豐圖香港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，以待明日應訊。

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