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### Ex-councillor assistant gets 18 months for \$350,000 salary fraud

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A former part-time assistant to a member of the Wong Tai Sin District Council (DC), charged by the ICAC, was today (September 6) sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment at the Kowloon City Magistracy after being convicted of conspiring with the DC member to defraud the Home Affairs Department (HAD) of reimbursement of salary payments totalling \$350,000.

Galen Leung Wai-lun, 41, was found guilty of one count of conspiracy to defraud, contrary to Common Law.

In sentencing, Magistrate Joseph To Ho-shing remarked that the defendant played a pivotal role in the conspiracy to defraud the HAD of reimbursement of salary payments. Hence, he had to mete out an immediate custodial sentence to the defendant to serve as a deterrent.

The magistrate said he reduced the starting point of 20 months in jail to 18 months after taking into account the defendant's clear record and other mitigating factors.

The magistrate also dismissed the defendant's application for bail pending appeal.

The case arose from a corruption complaint. Subsequent ICAC enquiries revealed the above offence.

The court heard that at the material time, the defendant was employed by Joe Chan Yim-kwong, a member of the Wong Tai Sin DC, as his part-time assistant to assist him in organising community activities.

Between January 2011 and August 2016, the defendant signed on 68 receipts to falsely represent that he received from Chan a monthly salary ranging from \$3,500 to \$7,000.

The court heard that the receipts of salary payment and relevant Operating Expenses Reimbursement application forms were submitted by Chan to the HAD for reimbursement.

As a result, the HAD was deceived into approving the applications and paying the defendant's salary in a total sum of \$350,000 into the bank account of Chan between January 2011 and August 2016.

The HAD had rendered full assistance to the ICAC during its investigation into the case.

The prosecution was today represented by prosecuting counsel Henry Ma, assisted by ICAC officer Ellis Leung.

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## 新聞公佈

# 區議員前助理串謀詐騙三十五萬元薪金罪成判囚十八個月

2018年9月6日

一名黃大仙區議會議員前兼職助理與該名區議會議員串謀詐騙民政事務總署共三十五萬元薪金償還款項，早前被廉政公署起訴。被告今日(九月六日)在九龍城裁判法院被裁定罪名成立，被判入獄十八個月。

梁偉倫，四十一歲，被裁定一項串謀詐騙罪名成立，違反普通法。

裁判官杜浩成判刑時指出，被告在串謀詐騙民政事務總署薪金償還款項勾當中的角色關鍵，因此他必須判處被告即時監禁以示阻嚇。

裁判官稱，量刑起點為監禁二十個月，但考慮到被告並無案底及其他求情因素，將刑期減至十八個月。

裁判官亦駁回被告提出保釋申請以待上訴。

廉署早前接獲貪污投訴，調查後揭發上述罪行。

案情透露，被告於案發時獲黃大仙區議會議員陳炎光聘用為其兼職助理，協助他籌辦社區活動。

被告於二〇一一年一月至二〇一六年八月期間簽署了六十八份收據，虛假地表示他從陳炎光收取的月薪金額為三千五百元至七千元不等。

案情透露，陳炎光向民政事務總署呈交了有關薪金收據及相關營運開支償還款額申請表格以申領償還款項。

民政事務總署因而被騙批核有關申請，並於二〇一一年一月至二〇一六年八月期間將被告合共三十五萬元的薪金款項支付至陳炎光的銀行戶口。

民政事務總署在廉署調查案件期間提供全面協助。

控方今日由控方大律師馬家驊代表出庭，並由廉署人員梁淑珊協助。

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