

Press Releases

Company director charged by ICAC for using fake identity to open bank accounts

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A company director was charged by the ICAC yesterday (June 11) for allegedly obtaining services by deception by using a fake identity to open a number of bank accounts at two banks.

The ICAC investigation stemmed from a corruption complaint alleging manipulation of share prices of listed companies, leading to an operation jointly mounted by the ICAC and the Securities and Futures Commission in August last year. Subsequent ICAC investigation revealed the offences in the present case. The company director was charged by the ICAC yesterday after seeking legal advice from the Department of Justice. The original corruption investigation is continuing that the ICAC does not rule out further prosecution.

Fang Siyuan, 37, faces two counts of obtaining services by deception, contrary to section 18A(1) of the Theft Ordinance. He was released on ICAC bail, pending his appearance in the Eastern Magistrates' Courts tomorrow (June 13) for mention. The prosecution will later apply to transfer the case to the District Court for plea.

In November 2020 and September 2021, the defendant respectively met with staff members of two banks for opening personal bank accounts.

The charges allege that the defendant dishonestly obtained services from the two banks by deception, namely opening eight personal bank accounts, including a securities account, by falsely representing that he was Fong Tim who was holding a Mexican passport.

In the account opening process, the defendant presented the passport to bank staff and signed to confirm that the information he provided was true and correct. The ICAC investigation revealed that the name and date of birth shown on the passport differed from the information shown on other identity documents of the defendant.

Had the two banks known that the defendant had identities bearing different names and dates of birth, they would not have approved his account opening applications.

The two banks concerned have rendered full assistance to the ICAC during its investigation into the case.

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廉署起訴公司董事涉嫌以虛假身分開設銀行戶口

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廉政公署昨日(6月11日)落案起訴一名公司董事,控告他涉嫌以欺騙手段取得服務,使用虚假身分在兩間銀行開設多個戶口。

廉署早前接獲有關操縱上市公司股價的貪污投訴,並於去年8月與證券及期貨事務監察委員會採取聯合行動。廉署調查期間揭露本案,在徵詢律政司法律意見後,昨日落案起訴該名公司董事。原有貪污調查仍在進行,廉署不排除會再作檢控。

方思遠,37歲,被控兩項以欺騙手段取得服務罪名,違反《盜竊罪條例》第18A(1)條。他已獲廉署准予保釋,以待明日(6月13日)在東區裁判法院應訊,控方稍後會申請將案件轉介區域法院答辯。

被告於2020年11月及2021年9月,先後約見兩間銀行的職員,申請開設個人銀行戶口。

控罪指被告涉嫌以欺騙手段,訛稱自己為一名持有墨西哥護照的男子Fong Tim,不誠實地取得該兩間銀行的服務,開設共八個個人銀行戶口,當中包括股票戶口。

被告在開戶時向銀行職員出示上述護照,以及簽署文件確認他提交的資料真確無誤。廉署調查顯示,該護照上的姓名及出生日期,與被告其他身分證明文件所顯示的資料均不相同。

如該兩間銀行知悉被告持有不同名字及出生日期的不同身分,便不會批准其開戶申請。

該兩間銀行在廉署調查案件期間提供全面協助。

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