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Private cello tutor charged by ICAC with fraud over purchase of cello

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A private cello tutor was today (September 4) charged by the ICAC with fraud for arranging a student's parent to purchase a cello at an instrument company without disclosing that he would benefit from the arrangement. It was alleged that the defendant had concealed from the parent the actual price of the instrument and pocketed the price difference totalling over \$6,000.

Ho Ka-yeung, 30, private cello tutor, faces one count of fraud, contrary to section 16A of the Theft Ordinance. He was released on ICAC bail, pending his appearance at West Kowloon Magistrates' Courts on Friday (September 6) for plea.

The ICAC investigation arose from a corruption complaint. Enquiries revealed that between July and August in 2023, the defendant suggested to a student's parent to purchase a new cello for her son for his music examination. He told the parent that a discount could be obtained from Chairman Instruments Trading Limited (Chairman Instruments).

The defendant later accompanied the parent to Chairman Instruments to purchase a cello and paid for it on behalf of the parent. The charge alleges that the defendant falsely represented to the parent that the price of the cello was \$24,300 after a discount from Chairman Instruments. ICAC inquiries revealed that Chairman Instruments had sold the cello to the defendant at \$18,000 only. However, he never disclosed to the parent the amount he paid to Chairman Instruments, nor did he reveal that he had pocketed the price difference in reselling the instrument to the

parent.

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廉署起訴樂器導師涉代購大提琴隱瞞真實價錢詐騙獲利

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廉政公署今日(9月4日)落案起訴一名私人大提琴導師,控告他涉嫌陪同一名學生家長購買大提琴期間,隱瞞真實折扣和價錢,從中詐騙超過6,000元。

何嘉洋,30歲,私人大提琴導師,被控一項欺詐罪,違反《盜竊罪條例》第16A條。他獲 廉署准予保釋,以待星期五(9月6日)在西九龍裁判法院答辯。

廉署早前接獲貪污投訴遂展開調查。調查顯示,被告於2023年7月至8月期間,建議一名學生家長替兒子購買新的大提琴在音樂考試中使用,並表示可於俊文樂器貿易有限公司(俊文樂器)取得折扣優惠。

被告及後陪同該名家長前往俊文樂器購買大提琴,並代為支付款項。被告涉嫌向該名家長 訛稱,於俊文樂器取得折扣後,大提琴的價錢為24,300元。但廉署調查發現,俊文樂器只以18,000元將該大提琴售予被告,但被告從沒有向該家長透露他向俊文樂器購買該大提琴的實際金額,以及其後再轉售予該家長賺取差價的安排。

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