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Chief Inspector of Police and wife charged by ICAC for accepting over \$1.14m in bribes and MIPO

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A Chief Inspector of Police (CIP) and his wife were today (September 4) charged by the ICAC for allegedly accepting cash and gifts totalling over \$1.14 million from a merchant for favouring the latter while performing his official duties. The CIP was also alleged of misconduct in public office (MIPO) by divulging police internal information to the merchant on various occasions.

Ho Siu-tung, 38, CIP, faces two counts of public servant accepting an advantage, contrary to section 4(2)(a) of the Prevention of Bribery Ordinance (POBO), and three counts of MIPO, contrary to the Common Law. His wife Mishell Ho Yin-veng, 36, housewife, faces one count of aiding, abetting, counselling or procuring a public servant to accept advantages, contrary to section 4(2)(a) of POBO and section 89 of the Criminal Procedure Ordinance.

The duo was released on ICAC bail, pending their appearance at the Eastern Magistrates' Courts on Friday (September 6) for mention, pending preparation of documents for transferring the case to the District Court.

At the material time, Ho Siu-tung was a CIP posted to Wanchai District responsible for overseeing criminal investigations conducted by the district anti-triad squad and district crime squad. When handling a deception case, Ho came to know a merchant who was involved in another assault case.

Two of the charges allege that between August 2021 and January 2023, Ho Siu-tung accepted advantages from the merchant, namely cash and gifts totalling over \$1.14

million, including two cash payments, each amounted to \$500,000, as well as gifts worth more than \$140,000, as an inducement to or reward for Ho to remain favourably disposed to the merchant while performing his official duties in relation to the aforementioned two criminal investigations involving the merchant. Another charge alleges that Mishell Ho Yin-veng aided Ho Siu-tung to accept part of the above advantages, namely gifts worth over \$130,000, for Ho to remain favourably disposed to the merchant.

The remaining three MIPO charges allege that between September 2021 and October 2022, Ho Siu-tung, in the course of or in relation to his public office, divulged police internal information to the merchant, and remained favourably disposed to the merchant and his friends during police investigations. Such police internal information included personal data of suspects and of other individuals involved in the investigations.

The Hong Kong Police Force had rendered full assistance to the ICAC during its investigation.

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新聞公佈

廉署起訴一名警務處總督察與其妻涉受賄逾114萬元及公職人員行為失當 2024年9月4日

廉政公署今日(9月4日) 落案起訴一名警務處總督察及其妻子,涉嫌收受一名商人提供總值 超過114萬元現金和禮物,在履行職務時優待該名商人,並涉嫌公職人員行為失當,於履行 公職期間,多次向該商人洩露警方內部資料。

何兆東·38歲,警務處總督察,被控兩項公職人員接受利益罪,違反《防止賄賂條例》第4(2)(a)條,及三項公職人員行為失當,違反普通法。其妻何姸頴·36歲,家庭主婦,被控一項協助、教唆、慫使或促致公職人員接受利益罪,違反《防止賄賂條例》第4(2)(a)條及《刑事訴訟程序條例》第89條。

二人獲廉署准予保釋,星期五(9月6日)在東區裁判法院提堂,以待準備轉介區域法院文件。

案發時,何兆東任職警務處總督察,駐守灣仔警區,負責監督該區反三合會小組及重案組的刑事調查。何兆東因處理較早前的一宗詐騙案而認識了一名商人,而該商人當時亦涉及 另一宗襲擊案。

其中兩項控罪指,於2021年8月至2023年1月期間,何兆東從該商人接受利益,即共逾114萬元的現金和禮物,包括兩筆各50萬元的現金和價值超過14萬元的禮物和其他饋贈,作為他在履行職務時,於上述兩宗涉及該商人的刑事案件調查中優待該商人的誘因或報酬。另一項控罪則指其妻子何姸頴協助何兆東接受上述利益中價值超過13萬元的禮物而優待該名商人。

餘下三項公職人員行為失當罪指何兆東涉嫌於2021年9月至2022年10月期間,在履行公職期間或利用其公職身分的情況下,向該商人洩露警方內部資料,包括疑犯及涉案人士資料;以及在警方調查的個案中優待該名商人或他的朋友。

警務處在廉署調查案件期間提供全面協助。

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