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Private cello tutor charged by ICAC admits fraud over purchase of musical instrument

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A private cello tutor, charged by the ICAC, today (November 4) admitted at the West Kowloon Magistrates' Courts that he had concealed from a parent the actual discount he obtained when assisting the latter in purchasing a cello, and pocketed the price difference totalling over \$6,000.

Ho Ka-yeung, 30, private cello tutor, pleaded guilty to one count of fraud, contrary to section 16A of the Theft Ordinance. Acting Principal Magistrate Mr Cheng Lim-chi adjourned the case to November 18 for sentence, pending the defendant's community service order report, and granted him bail.

The court heard that in July 2023, the defendant suggested that a parent should purchase a new cello for her son's examination, and told the parent that he could help obtain a discount from Chairman Instruments Trading Limited (Chairman Instruments).

The defendant later accompanied the parent to visit Chairman Instruments to purchase a cello and paid for it. The defendant falsely represented to the parent that the price of the cello after a discount was \$24,300, and the parent deposited the same into the defendant's personal bank account.

The ICAC investigation arose from a corruption complaint. Enquiries revealed that the defendant was a registered instructor of Chairman Instruments and was entitled to a about half-price discount when purchasing musical instruments from the company. Chairman Instruments sold the cello worth \$39,000 to the defendant at \$18,000.

However, the defendant never disclosed to the parent the actual amount he paid for the musical instrument, and did not reveal that he had pocketed the price difference of \$6,300 in reselling the instrument.

The prosecution was today represented by ICAC officer Vivian Poon.

The ICAC reminds members of the public that a person acting for another, such as purchasing a musical instrument, should act honestly. To avoid contravening bribery or other criminal offences, one should not make any personal gain unless an approval is obtained from the one who entrusted him to do so, such as a parent.

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新聞公佈

樂器導師代購大提琴詐騙家長獲利遭廉署起訴認罪候判

2024年11月4日

一名私人大提琴導師向學生家長隱瞞自己於協助購買大提琴時獲得的真實折扣，從中詐騙逾6,000元，早前被廉署落案起訴。被告今日(11月4日)在西九龍裁判法院認罪候判。

何嘉洋，30歲，私人大提琴導師，承認一項欺詐罪名，違反《盜竊罪條例》第16A條。署理主任裁判官鄭念慈將案件押後至11月18日判刑，以索取被告的社會服務令報告，並批准被告保釋。

案情透露，被告於2023年7月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，並表示自己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。被告向家長訛稱大提琴折實售價為24,300元，對方遂把上述款項存入被告的銀行戶口。

廉署早前接獲貪污投訴遂展開調查，發現被告是俊文樂器的註冊導師，在該公司購買樂器享有約半價優惠。涉案大提琴原價39,000元，俊文樂器以18,000元將它售予被告，但被告從沒有向該家長透露他購買該件樂器的實際金額，以及其後轉售時會賺取差價6,300元。

控方今日由廉署人員潘漪桐代表出庭。

廉署提醒市民，受他人委託處理事務，例如購買樂器時，要誠實行事，除非得到該委託人(如家長)的同意，否則不應從中獲取個人利益，以免觸犯貪污或其他刑事罪行。

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