

## Ex-bar bender in court over bribery and fraud

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A former bar bender of an engineering company appeared in the Kwun Tong Magistracy today (Friday) after being charged by the ICAC with soliciting \$60,000 and accepting \$45,000 as bribes from another bar bender and defrauding three others of \$34,700 in relation to their employment at a construction site of the Housing Department (HD).

Tang Pang-fei, 25, a former bar bender and fixer of On Steel Engineering Limited (OSE), who was charged on Wednesday (October 5), faced one count of agent soliciting an advantage and one of agent accepting an advantage, contrary to Section 9(1)(a) of the Prevention of Bribery Ordinance.

The defendant further faced three counts of fraud, contrary to Section 16A(1) of the Theft Ordinance.

The defendant pleaded not guilty to the charges. Principal Magistrate Mr Ernest Lin Kam-hung adjourned the case to November 8 this year for a pre-trial review.

At the material time, the defendant was employed by OSE as a bar bender and fixer at the construction site of the HD in Kwun Tong. Due to shortage of manpower, the defendant was asked to recruit more bar benders and fixers to work at the construction site.

One of the charges alleged that between April 1 and May 6, 2015, the defendant solicited from a person a sum of \$600 out of his daily wage of \$1,930 of 25 days a month for a period of four months, totalling \$60,000, as rewards for referring the person to work as a bar bender and fixer with OSE.

Another charge alleged that between June 5 and August 10, 2015, the defendant accepted a total of \$45,000 from that person as rewards for maintaining the employment of the latter by OSE as a bar bender and fixer.

Two other charges alleged that between an unknown date in April and August 9, 2015, the defendant falsely represented to two other persons that they each had to pay \$200 per day out of their daily wage of \$1,720 to the "Boss" of OSE, and with intent to defraud, induced the duo to release total sums of \$9,800 and \$2,400 to him respectively.

The remaining charge alleged that between an unknown date in April and August 7, 2015, the defendant falsely represented to another person that he had to pay \$300 per day out of his daily wage of \$1,930 to the "Big Brother" of a construction site of OSE, and with intent to defraud, induced that person to release a total sum of \$22,500 to him.

The defendant was granted cash bail of \$10,000. He was ordered not to leave Hong Kong and not to interfere with prosecution witnesses.

OSE had rendered full assistance to the ICAC during its investigation.

The prosecution was today represented by ICAC officer Terence Wong.

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## 廉署起訴前紮鐵工人就僱用工人貪污及詐騙今提堂

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廉政公署落案起訴一名工程公司前紮鐵工人，控告他涉嫌向另一名紮鐵工人索取六萬元及收受四萬五千元賄款，及欺詐另外三名紮鐵工人三萬四千七百元，以介紹四人在房屋署建築地盤工作。被告今日(星期五)在觀塘裁判法院應訊。

鄧鵬飛，二十五歲，安鋼工程有限公司(安鋼)前鋼筋屈紮工人，於星期三(十月五日)被控一項代理人索取利益及一項代理人接受利益罪名，違反《防止賄賂條例》第9(1)(a)條。

被告另被控三項欺詐罪名，違反《盜竊罪條例》第16A(1)條。

被告否認控罪。主任裁判官練錦鴻將案件押後至本年十一月八日進行預審。

被告於案發時獲安鋼聘用為鋼筋屈紮工人，在房屋署觀塘的地盤工作。由於人手短缺，被告獲指示招聘多些鋼筋屈紮工人在該地盤工作。

其中一項控罪指被告涉嫌於二〇一五年四月一日至五月六日期間，向一名人士索取共六萬元，即從其每日工資一千九百三十元中抽取六百元，為期四個月每月二十五天，作為介紹該名人士在安鋼任職鋼筋屈紮工人的報酬。

另一項控罪指被告涉嫌於二〇一五年六月五日至八月十日期間，從該名人士接受四萬五千元，作為維持其在安鋼受僱為鋼筋屈紮工人的報酬。

其他兩項控罪指被告涉嫌於二〇一五年四月某日至八月九日期間，虛假地向另外兩名人士表示，他們各需要從其每日工資一千七百二十元中抽取二百元支付安鋼的「老闆」，並意圖詐騙而誘使兩人分別將九千八百元及二千四百元的款項給予被告。

餘下控罪指被告涉嫌於二〇一五年四月某日至八月七日期間，虛假地向另外一名人士表示，他需要從其每日工資一千九百三十元中抽取三百元支付安鋼的地盤「大佬」，並意圖詐騙而誘使該人士將二萬二千五百元的款項給予被告。

被告獲准以現金一萬元保釋，並受命不准離開香港及不得騷擾控方證人。

安鋼在廉署調查案件期間提供全面協助。

控方今日由廉署人員黃偉雄代表出庭。

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