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Ex-security guard jailed for defrauding HD of wages over patrols against dog keeping

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A former security guard of a security company, charged by the ICAC, was sentenced to two months' imprisonment at the Shatin Magistry today (October 19) after admitting that he had defrauded the company and the Housing Department (HD) of wages totalling over \$16,640 by falsifying attendance records of his daily patrols against unauthorised dog keeping at public housing estates.

Yim Yiu-chuen, 63, former security guard of Onward Security Company Limited (OSCL), who was charged on Tuesday (October 17), pleaded guilty to one count of fraud, contrary to Section 16A of the Theft Ordinance.

In sentencing, Acting Principal Magistrate Mr Joseph To Ho-shing said the offence committed by Yim constituted a serious breach of trust, adding that the case involved public interest.

The acting principal magistrate also ordered Yim to pay over \$16,640 as compensation to OSCL.

Co-defendant Li Pak-ho, 59, former security guard of OSCL, also charged on Tuesday, today pleaded guilty to a similar offence. His case was adjourned to November 2 this year for sentence, pending a community service order report. He was granted cash bail of \$1,000.

The case arose from a corruption complaint. Subsequent ICAC enquiries revealed the above offences.

The court heard that at the material time, Yim was a security guard of OSCL, which was awarded a two-year contract by the HD to provide security services at various public housing estates. After Yim resigned in December 2015, Li joined the company in January 2016 to replace him.

Yim and Li were responsible for conducting daily patrol duties against unauthorised dog keeping at public housing estates in Shatin district. They were required to report their attendance four times a day.

The court heard that between September 2014 and August 2016, Yim and Li were respectively out of Hong Kong on 60 and nine occasions during their working hours. But their attendance sheets showed that they had reported duty on those days.

When interviewed under caution by ICAC officers, Yim admitted that whenever he was assigned to conduct patrol duties against unauthorised dog keeping at Fung Wo Estate and Hin Yiu Estate, he would report to the related estate offices, sign the four reporting times on the attendance sheets in one go, and

then leave the offices to handle his personal matters.

Yim and his teammate took turns at preparing and submitting false attendance sheets to the two estate offices, the court heard.

When Li was interviewed under caution by ICAC officers, he admitted having travelled to the Mainland during working hours on the nine occasions between April 23 and August 27, 2016.

Li also admitted that he had made false entries on the attendance sheets so as to conceal the fact that he was out of Hong Kong.

The HD and OSCL confirmed that the salaries of Yim and Li were calculated according to their attendance sheets.

As a result of their false attendance on the 60 and nine occasions, Yim and Li had defrauded OSCL and the HD of salaries totalling over \$16,640 and over \$3,050 respectively, the court was told.

The HD and OSCL had rendered full assistance to the ICAC during its investigation.

The prosecution was today represented by ICAC officer Pius Chan.

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新聞公佈

前護衛員承認就公屋養狗巡邏詐騙房屋署薪金判囚兩個月

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一名護衛公司前護衛員偽造值勤記錄，訛稱有就未經登記准許在公共屋邨飼養狗隻執行日常巡邏職務，詐騙該公司及房屋署薪金共一萬六千六百四十多元，被廉政公署起訴。被告今日(十月十九日)在沙田裁判法院承認控罪，判囚兩個月。

嚴耀泉，六十三歲，安民警衛有限公司(安民)前護衛員，於星期二(十月十七日)被落案起訴。他承認一項欺詐罪名，違反《盜竊罪條例》第16A條。

署任主任裁判官杜造成判刑時稱，嚴干犯的罪行嚴重違反誠信，而且案件關乎公眾利益。

署任主任裁判官又命令嚴須向安民賠償一萬六千六百四十多元。

同案被告李伯河，五十九歲，安民前護衛員，同於星期二被落案起訴。他今日承認一項相類罪名。案件押後至本年十一月二日判刑，以待其社會服務令報告。李獲准以現金一千元保釋。

廉署早前接獲貪污投訴，調查後揭發上述罪行。

案情透露，嚴於案發時是安民的護衛員。安民當時獲房屋署批出一份兩年合約，為多個公共屋邨提供保安服務。嚴於二〇一五年十二月辭職後，由李於二〇一六年一月加入該公司接替其職位。

嚴及李負責就未經登記准許飼養狗隻，在沙田區公共屋邨執行日常巡邏職務，並須每天作出四次值勤報到。

案情透露，嚴及李於二〇一四年九月至二〇一六年八月期間，在其工作時間內分別六十次及九次離開香港。惟其值勤表顯示他們在有關日子均有報到值勤。

嚴在警誡下接受廉署人員會見時承認，每當他獲委派到豐和邨及顯耀邨執行有關未經登記准許飼養狗隻的巡邏職務時，便會到有關屋邨辦事處一次過在值勤表的四次報到時間上簽署，然後離開辦事處以處理其私人事務。

案情透露，嚴及其隊員會輪流製備虛假值勤表並遞交予該兩個屋邨辦事處。

李在警誡下接受廉署人員會見時則承認，他於二〇一六年四月二十三日至八月二十七日期間，曾九次在工作時間內前往內地。

李又承認曾在值勤表上填報虛假記錄，以隱瞞他事實上不在香港。

房屋署及安民確認，嚴及李的薪金根據其值勤表計算。

嚴及李就該六十次及九次虛假值勤，詐騙安民及房屋署分向他們分別支付一萬六千六百四十多元及三千零五十多元。

房屋署及安民在廉署調查案件期間提供全面協助。

控方今日由廉署人員陳俊陞代表出庭。

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