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Police Chief Telecommunications Engineer sentenced for deceiving government of \$1.9m housing loan and allowances

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The Chief Telecommunications Engineer of the Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF), charged by the ICAC, was today (March 15) sentenced to nine months' imprisonment, suspended for two years, at the Eastern Magistracy for using a false document to mislead the government into granting him a downpayment loan and home financing allowances totalling over \$1.9 million.

Wong Chun-kau, 58, earlier pleaded guilty to one count of agent using a false document with intent to deceive his principal, contrary to Section 9(3) of the Prevention of Bribery Ordinance.

In sentencing, Magistrate Ms Cheung Kit-yee said senior officials having defrauded the government of housing loans and allowances normally deserved custodial sentences.

The magistrate added that she meted out a suspended sentence to the defendant after taking into account his guilty plea, his full repayment made to the government, and other mitigating factors.

The case arose from a complaint referred by the Treasury. Subsequent ICAC enquiries revealed the above offence.

The court heard that the defendant, who joined the Royal Hong Kong Police Force (later renamed the HKPF) in 1981, is currently the Chief Telecommunications Officer of the HKPF.

At the material time, the defendant was a Telecommunications Engineer of the HKPF, and was eligible to join the Home Financing Scheme (HFS). He got married in the United States of America on August 11, 1994.

According to the HFS, an officer and his/her spouse may not receive more than one housing benefit at any one time irrespective of whether the benefit is provided by the government or private employers.

On September 8, 1997, the defendant applied to the Treasury for a downpayment loan for purchasing a property in Yuen Long, and a monthly home financing allowance to repay the mortgage loan of the property.

In support of the application, the defendant submitted to the Treasury documents, including a "Statement on Housing and Housing Related Benefits Received by an Officer/His Spouse".

In the statement, the defendant falsely declared his marital status as “single” and filled in “N/A” (not applicable) in a column concerning particulars of his spouse. The defendant also deliberately omitted to provide any information about housing benefits received by his wife from her employer, namely a bank.

The defendant concealed the facts that he had got married and his wife had obtained a low interest housing loan from her employer, thereby misleading the government into granting him a downpayment loan and home financing allowances totalling over \$1.9 million under the HFS.

The Treasury and the HKPF had rendered full assistance to the ICAC during its investigation.

The prosecution was today represented by Senior Public Prosecutor Peggy Leung, assisted by ICAC officer Eric Yong.

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新聞公佈

警方總電訊工程師詐騙政府房屋貸款及津貼一百九十萬元判刑

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香港警務處(警務處)總電訊工程師使用虛假文件，誤導政府向他批出一筆首期貸款及居所資助津貼共逾一百九十萬元，早前被廉政公署起訴。被告今日(三月十五日)在東區裁判法院被判入獄九個月，緩刑兩年。

黃振球，五十八歲，早前承認一項代理人意圖欺騙其主事人而使用虛假文件罪名，違反《防止賄賂條例》第9(3)條。

裁判官張潔宜在判刑時表示，高層官員詐騙政府居所貸款及津貼，一般應判處監禁刑罰。她考慮被告承認控罪、已向政府歸還全款及其他多項求情因素，遂判他緩刑。

廉署早前接獲庫務署轉介的投訴，調查其後揭發上述罪行。

案情透露，被告於一九八一年加入皇家香港警隊(其後改名為警務處)，他現職警務處總電訊工程師。

被告於案發時任職警務處電訊工程師，符合資格參加居所資助計劃。他於一九九四年八月十一日在美國結婚。

根據居所資助計劃，公務員及其配偶不得在同一時間領取超過一項房屋福利，不論有關福利是由政府或私人僱主提供。

被告於一九九七年九月八日向庫務署申請一筆首期貸款以購買元朗一個物業，以及每月居所資助津貼以償還該物業的按揭貸款。

被告向庫務署提交文件以支持其申請，當中包括一份「有關公務員/其配偶已享用的房屋福利及與房屋有關連福利的聲明書」。

被告在該聲明書上虛假地宣稱其婚姻狀況為「單身」，並在有關其配偶資料的一欄填上「N/A」(不適用)。被告又故意不填報有關其妻子從其僱主即一間銀行獲得房屋福利的資料。

被告隱瞞他事實上已婚，以及其妻子曾從其僱主獲取一筆低息房屋貸款，並因此誤導政府向他批出居所資助計劃下一筆首期貸款及居所資助津貼共逾一百九十萬元。

庫務署和警務處在廉署調查案件期間提供全面協助。

控方今日由高級檢控官梁寶琦代表出庭，並由廉署人員楊志雄協助。

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