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Vice-chairman of rural committee faces court for allegedly misleading ICAC officer

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A vice-chairman of a rural committee appeared in Eastern Magistracy today (Thursday) after being charged by the ICAC with knowingly misleading an ICAC officer by giving false information in relation to the rental receipts of a property of the rural committee.

The defendant, 83, pleaded not guilty to one count of knowingly misleading an ICAC officer, contrary to Section 13(B)(b) of the ICAC Ordinance.

Acting Principal Magistrate Amanda Jane Woodcock adjourned the case to April 14 for a pre-trial review and May 16 for a trial. The defendant was granted cash bail of \$2,000.

At the time of the alleged offence, the defendant was a vice-chairman of the rural committee. In February this year, he was re-elected to the same office.

The charge alleged that on March 8 last year, the defendant knowingly misled an ICAC investigator by giving false information that he had not signed any rental receipts in respect of a property on behalf of the rural committee.

The property of the rural committee was said to have been rented by a district councillor as his ward office.

The prosecution was today represented by ICAC officer Patrick Tang.

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