Seven in court for alleged \$40,000 sick leave certificates fraud

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Seven former and serving staff members of the Department of Health (DoH) and the Hong Kong Jockey Club (HKJC) appeared in the Fanling Magistracy today (Wednesday) after being charged by the ICAC for allegedly using false sick leave certificates to deceive sickness allowances and a discretionary bonus totalling over \$40,000.

Four of the defendants were Wong Ka-man, 27, a former health surveillance assistant of DoH; Tse Chi-hang, 38, a serving health surveillance assistant of DoH; Lee Wing-ka and Kei Pui-sheung, both 28, former health surveillance assistants of DoH cum serving telebet services assistants of HKJC.

Three other defendants were Cheung Ho-lung, 22, Ng Siu-ming, 44, and So Lai-har, 53, all telebet services assistants of HKJC.

The defendants, who were charged on Monday (October 20) in seven separate cases, faced a total of 80 counts of using false instruments, contrary to Section 73 of the Crimes Ordinance.

Wong, Lee, Ng and So were each charged with 15 counts of using false instruments, while Kei and Cheung each faced seven similar offences. Tse was laid with six similar offences.

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

The charges alleged that between November 2010 and April 2013, the defendants used false sick leave certificates which purported to show that a registered Chinese medicine practitioner had examined them and diagnosed that they were suffering from various illnesses, with the intention of inducing officers of DoH and/or HKJC to accept those certificates as genuine.

The defendants were alleged to have submitted 122 false sick leave certificates involving 188 sick leave days to DoH and HKJC, and obtained sickness allowances and a discretionary bonus totalling over \$41,600.

Wong, Lee, Kei, Cheung and So pleaded guilty to their charges today, while Tse and Ng denied their charges. They had their cases adjourned to November 19 this year for mention or pre-trial reviews.

DoH and HKJC had rendered full assistance to the ICAC during its investigation.

The prosecution was today represented by ICAC officer Pan Wai-fat.

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廉署起訴七人涉嫌用虛假病假證明 書欺詐四萬元今提堂

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廉政公署起訴七名衞生署及香港賽馬會(馬會)前任及現任職員·控告他們涉嫌使用虛假病假證明書詐騙疾病津貼及酌情發放的花紅共逾四萬元。被告今日(星期三)在粉嶺裁判法院應訊。

其中四名被告為黃嘉敏·二十七歲·衛生署前健康監察助理;謝志恒·三十八歲·衛生署健康監察助理;李詠嘉及祁沛償·同為二十八歲·衛生署前健康監察助理及馬會電話投注事務助理。

餘下三名被告為張浩龍·二十二歲·吳兆銘·四十四歲·及蘇麗霞·五十三歲·同為馬會電話投注事 務助理。

各被告於星期一(十月二十日)分七宗案件被起訴共八十項使用虛假文書罪名·涉嫌違反《刑事罪行條例》第73條。

黃、李、吳及蘇各被控十五項使用虛假文書罪名,而祁及張則各被控七項相類罪名。謝被控六項相類 罪名。

廉署早前接獲貪污投訴,調查其後揭發上述涉嫌罪行。

控罪指被告涉嫌於二〇一〇年月十一日至二〇一三年四月期間,使用虛假的病假證明書,而有關病假證明書看來顯示一名註冊中醫曾為被告進行檢查,並診斷他們有不同病患,企圖誘使衞生署及/或馬會人員接受該些證明書為真文書。

被告涉嫌向衞生署及馬會遞交一百二十二張虛假病假證明書,當中涉及一百八十八日病假,並領取疾病津貼及酌情發放的花紅共逾四萬一千六百元。

黃、李、祁、張及蘇今日分別承認其控罪,而謝及吳則否認控罪。所有案件押後至本年十一月十九日 再提訊或進行預審。

衞生署及馬會在廉署調查案件期間提供全面協助。

控方今日由廉署人員彭偉發代表出庭。

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