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Ex-salesman guilty of offering bribes for refund of smart phones

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A former salesman of an electronic products company, charged by the ICAC, was today (March 14) convicted at the Kowloon City Magistracy of offering a bribe of around \$800 to \$1,000 to an employee of the company to help him get refund for each defective or damaged smart phone.

Cheung Yuet-hoi, 27, former salesman of Apple Asia Limited (AAL), was found guilty of one count of offering an advantage to an agent, contrary to Section 9(2)(a) of the Prevention of Bribery Ordinance.

Deputy Magistrate Ms Percy Yue Pui-sze adjourned the case to March 27 this year for sentence, pending a community service order report. The defendant was granted cash bail of \$4,000.

The court heard that at the material time, the defendant was a former salesman of AAL, which is a regional subsidiary of Apple Incorporation, an American manufacturer of electronic products.

Any person who purchases a smart phone at any of the stores of AAL is entitled to obtain a refund for or a replacement of the purchased phone within 14 days if it is undamaged. Defective or damaged smart phones cannot be returned for refund or replacement.

On November 5, 2015, the defendant asked a senior salesman of AAL at its Festival Walk Branch if he could assist in obtaining refund for "ghost phones".

The senior salesman later called the defendant, who explained that "ghost phones" were smart phones, of which the electronic part(s) had been changed.

The defendant also said he could offer a reward of \$800 to \$1,000 to the senior salesman for each "ghost phone" refunded. The senior salesman ignored his request.

The court heard that on the following day, the defendant asked the senior salesman if he would try to handle two "ghost phones". The senior salesman did not give a reply to the defendant.

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

The prosecution was today represented by prosecuting counsel Priscilia Lam, assisted by ICAC officer Lawrence Kam.

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前銷售員就智能電話退款行賄罪成候判

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一名電子產品公司前銷售員,向該公司一名僱員提供每套約八百元至一千元的賄款,以協助就欠妥或損壞的智能電話取得退款,早前被廉政公署起訴。被告今日(三月十四日)在九龍城裁判法院被裁定罪名成立。

張悅海, 二十七歲, 蘋果亞洲有限公司(蘋果亞洲)前銷售員, 被裁定一項向代理人提供利益罪名, 違反《防止賄賂條例》第9(2)(a)條。

暫委裁判官余珮詩將案件押後至本年三月二十七日判刑,以待被告的社會服務令報告。被告獲准以 現金四千元保釋外出。

案情透露,被告於案發時是蘋果亞洲前銷售員,該公司是美國電子產品製造商Apple Incorporation的區域子公司。

任何人士如在蘋果亞洲的任何門市購買智能電話,均可在十四天內獲取退款或更換已購買的電話,但產品不可有任何損壞。欠妥或損壞的電話不可以退回作退款或換機。

被告於二○一五年十一月五日詢問蘋果亞洲又一城分店一名高級銷售員. 可否協助將「鬼機」退款。

該高級銷售員其後致電被告,被告則解釋「鬼機」即電子機件曾被改動的智能電話。

被告又稱可就每部獲退款的「鬼機」提供八百元至一千元的報酬,但該高級銷售員沒有理會其要求。

案情透露,被告翌日詢問該高級銷售員會否嘗試處理兩部「鬼機」,但對方沒有回覆。

蘋果亞洲在廉署調查案件期間提供全面協助。

控方今日由控方大律師林芷瑩代表出庭,並由廉署人員甘偉斌協助。 返回目錄

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