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Policewoman charged by ICAC admits soliciting and accepting over \$1m unauthorised loans

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A Woman Police Constable, charged by the ICAC, today (May 6) admitted at the Kwun Tong Magistrates' Courts that she had solicited an unauthorised loan of \$1 million from a complainant of a theft case and accepted a loan of \$60,000 from an arrestee of a fighting case.

Au Kar-man, 47, pleaded guilty to two charges – one of prescribed officer soliciting an advantage, and one of prescribed officer accepting an advantage, contrary to Section 3 of the Prevention of Bribery Ordinance. The prosecution offered no evidence to another solicitation charge against her.

Magistrate Miss Lau Suk-han adjourned the case to August 12 for mention. The defendant was remanded in custody of the Correctional Services Department.

The court heard that at the material time, the defendant was posted to a District Investigation Team of Eastern District. In November 2019, the defendant was assigned to handle a theft case involving a restaurant and interviewed the complainant of the case.

On January 8, 2020, the defendant made a phone call to the complainant and asked for a \$1 million loan. She had also sent mobile phone text messages to the complainant, offering to sign an "IOU" and repaying \$20,000 together with an interest of \$5,000 each month to the complainant. The request was turned down.

The court also heard that in late August 2019, the defendant was assigned to conduct a cautioned interview with an arrestee of a fighting case. The case was closed in late September 2019 due to insufficient evidence. However, the defendant and the arrestee had maintained contacts thereafter.

On May 8, 2020, the defendant told the arrestee that she was in need of money and solicited a loan of \$60,000 from the latter. The defendant said she was willing to repay the arrestee with an interest of \$20,000 within two weeks. The arrestee did not require the defendant to pay any interest and lent her \$60,000 on May 11, 2020.

The defendant had never sought any special permissions from the Chief Executive regarding her above solicitation and acceptance of loans.

The ICAC investigation arose from a referral by the Police which had rendered full assistance to the Commission during its investigation into the case.

The prosecution was today represented by Senior Public Prosecutor Antony Leung, assisted by ICAC officer Desmond Lee.

An ICAC spokesperson noted that the ICAC attaches great importance to civil service integrity and has been working closely with the Police to provide integrity training and regular refresher courses to all new recruits

and serving staff of the Police to heighten their awareness of corruption prevention, and to enhance their alertness to corruption, conflict of interest and other integrity challenges.

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新聞公佈

女警未經許可索取及接受貸款逾100萬元遭廉署起訴認罪候判

2022年5月6日

廉政公署早前落案起訴一名女警，控告她未經許可向一名盜竊案報案人索取貸款100萬元，並從一宗打鬥案被捕人接受貸款60,000元。被告今日(5月6日)在觀塘裁判法院承認控罪。

區嘉曼，47歲，承認兩項控罪，即一項訂明人員索取利益及一項訂明人員接受利益，均違反《防止賄賂條例》第三條。而她被控告的另一項索取利益罪名則獲控方不提證供起訴。

裁判官劉淑嫻將案件押後至8月12日再提訊。被告暫時還押懲教署看管。

案情透露，被告於案發時派駐東區警區一個刑事調查隊。2019年11月，被告獲指派處理一宗盜竊案並會見報案人，案件涉及一間食肆。

被告於2020年1月8日致電該報案人，向對方借貸100萬元。她又向報案人發送手提電話短訊，建議簽署借據，並每月還款20,000元及支付利息5,000元。報案人拒絕被告的要求。

案情又透露，被告於2019年8月底被指派與一宗打鬥案的被捕人進行警誡會面。同年9月底，警方因證據不足而終止調查該案，但被告其後與案中被捕人仍保持聯絡。

被告於2020年5月8日向該被捕人表示需要用錢，向對方索取貸款60,000元。被告表示願意兩星期內還款，並支付利息20,000元。被捕人只需被告償還貸款，並於2020年5月11日借出60,000元給她。

被告從來沒有向行政長官申請特別許可，索取及接受上述貸款。

廉署接獲警方轉介個案遂展開調查。警方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廷毅代表出庭，並由廉署人員李銘勳協助。

廉署發言人指，廉署十分重視公務員誠信，一直與警方保持緊密合作，為所有新入職及在職的警務人員，提供誠信培訓及定期復修課程，以鞏固他們的防貪意識，提高其對貪污、利益衝突及其他誠信挑戰的警覺性。

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