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One more voting member of Jockey Club charged over membership scam

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A voting member of the Hong Kong Jockey Club (HKJC) has been charged by the ICAC today (Friday) for his alleged role in a fraud scam over an application for HKJC racing membership, following the prosecution of five others earlier this month.

Dipo Chandiram Sani, 66, will appear at Eastern Magistracy at 9:30 am next Tuesday (May 31) on one count of conspiracy to defraud.

The case arose from a corruption complaint. Subsequent ICAC enquiries revealed the above alleged offence.

The charge alleges that between June and November 2010, the defendant, Robert Ng Ka-ki, John Douglas Mackie, Tong Kam-pui and Ho Wai-shek conspired together to defraud HKJC by falsely stating that the information in an applicant's racing membership application form was true.

They were alleged to have provided false information on their acquaintance with the applicant, respective length of acquaintance and nature of relationship with him, and that no advantage had been received by them for sponsoring the application.

Ng, 56, Tong, 62, and Ho, 53, all members of HKJC; and Mackie, 82, a voting member of HKJC, were earlier charged with the same conspiracy offence; while Ng alone faced one count of agent accepting an advantage in relation to the same application for racing membership. They appeared in Eastern Magistracy on May 16 (Monday) for mention.

Another man Lam Wai-chee, 59, also appeared in Eastern Magistracy on Tuesday (May 24) after being charged by the ICAC with one count of aiding and abetting agent to accept an advantage in a separate case.

The charge alleged Lam of aiding and abetting Ng to accept \$250,000 as a reward for providing a HKJC racing membership application form to an applicant, and arranging HKJC members to be the proposing and seconding voting members and the supporting members in respect of the application.

Ng, Tong, Ho, Mackie and Lam had their cases adjourned to July 14, pending consolidation.

Sani has been released on ICAC bail, pending his court appearance next Tuesday.

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