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Ex-salesperson of finance company jailed for conspiracy to defraud revealed in ICAC probe, involving \$600,000 referral fees

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A former salesperson of a finance company, charged by the ICAC, was today (November 3) sentenced to 25 months' imprisonment after admitting conspiracy to defraud the company of referral fees totalling about \$600,000 by making false representations that various loan applications were referred by a referral agent. The scam was revealed in a corruption investigation.

Wong Hong-chuen, 42, former sales executive of KP Financial Services Limited (KPL), and Wong Kan, 40, former referral agent of KPL, jointly faced one count of conspiracy to defraud, contrary to Common Law. Wong Hong-chuen pleaded guilty to the charge today, while the charge against Wong Kan was left on file at the District Court.

In sentencing, District Judge Mr Isaac Tam Sze-lok said the acts Wong Hong-chuen constituted a breach of trust. The court took a starting point of 39 months in jail and reduced his jail term to 25 months, having considered his guilty plea and other factors.

The court heard that at the material time, Wong Hong-chuen was a sales executive of KPL, a licensed money lender. Through Wong Hong-chuen's introduction, his younger cousin Wong Kan registered as a referral agent of KPL in December 2014. Wong Hong-chuen was entitled to sales commission of 0.5% of the loan amount for each successful application handled by him, while Wong Kan would receive 1% of the loan amount as referral fee for any application successfully referred by him to KPL.

Between December 2014 and July 2015, Wong Hong-chuen submitted to KPL 14 loan applications in which Wong Kan was named as the referral agent. As a result, KPL released referral fees totalling about \$600,000 to Wong Kan.

The ICAC investigation arose from a corruption complaint. Investigation revealed that Wong Kan had disbursed a total of over \$400,000 to Wong Hong-chuen and his four family members after receiving the referral fees.

Wong Hong-chuen admitted that the 14 loan applications were not referred by Wong Kan. He named Wong Kan as the referral agent to earn extra money.

Had KPL known that the loan applications were not referred by Wong Kan, it would not have released the referral fees to him.

KPL had rendered full assistance to the ICAC during its investigation into the case.

The prosecution was today represented by Senior Public Prosecutor Ivan Shiu, assisted by ICAC officers May Lam and Janice Au Yeung.

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新聞公佈

廉署貪污調查揭串謀詐騙轉介費60萬元 財務公司營業員判囚25個月

2022年11月3日

廉政公署調查貪污，揭發財務公司前營業員訛稱多宗貸款申請由代理人轉介，串謀詐騙轉介費共約60萬元。前營業員今日(11月3日)承認控罪，判囚25個月。

王康傳，42歲，中金投集團有限公司(中金投)前營業代表；及王澗，39歲，中金投前轉介代理人，同被控一項串謀詐騙罪名，違反普通法。王康傳今日承認控罪，而就王澗的控罪則由法庭存檔。

區域法院法官譚思樂判刑時指王康傳的行為違反誠信，法庭以39個月為量刑起點，考慮到他認罪及其他因素，遂把刑期扣減至25個月。

案情透露，王康傳案發時為持牌放債人中金投的營業代表。他於2014年12月介紹其表弟王澗登記為中金投的轉介代理人。王康傳每成功處理一宗貸款申請，可獲貸款額0.5%作為銷售佣金。如王澗成功轉介貸款申請到中金投，他可獲貸款額1%作為轉介費。

王康傳於2014年12月至2015年7月期間，向中金投遞交14份貸款申請，並報稱王澗為轉介代理人。中金投因而向王澗發放轉介費共約60萬元。

廉署接獲貪污投訴遂展開調查，發現王澗收到轉介費後，把當中逾40萬元支付予王康傳及其四名親人。

王康傳承認該14筆貸款申請並非由王澗轉介。他報稱貸款申請由王澗轉介以賺取額外利潤。

如中金投知道有關貸款申請並非由王澗轉介，則不會向他發放轉介費。

中金投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邵鈞泰代表出庭，並由廉署人員林慧珍及歐陽詠詩協助。

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