

## Four charged for alleged bribery over transportation orders

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The ICAC has charged four persons, including a director of a transportation company, for alleged bribery in relation to the awarding of transportation orders concerning different companies in three separate cases.

In the first case, Ng Lap-chung, 48, director-cum-shareholder of Sky Win Investment Limited (Sky Win), faces one count of offering an advantage to an agent, contrary to Section 9(2)(b) of the Prevention of Bribery Ordinance (POBO). Sky Win is a transportation company.

The defendant will appear in Eastern Magistracy at 9:30 am on Friday (July 17), pending transfer to the District Court for plea.

The charge alleges that between November 5, 1999 and September 30, 2004, the defendant offered bribes totalling between \$1 million and \$2 million to an employee of Star Cruises (HK) Limited (Star Cruises) as rewards for securing transportation orders of Star Cruises for Sky Win.

In another case, Tong Dick-hin, 31, former vessel operation manager of W.M. Logistics Worldwide Limited (Worldwide), faces two counts of agent accepting an advantage, contrary to Section 9(1)(a) of POBO.

The defendant will appear in Eastern Magistracy at 9:30 am on Friday (July 17) for plea.

The charges allege that between March and May 2007, the defendant accepted bribes from the proprietor of Dynamic Launch & Marine Service Limited (Dynamic) as rewards for awarding transportation orders of Worldwide to Dynamic.

In the third case, Chan Sheung-lai, 38, officer of boarding department of Maersk Hong Kong Limited (Maersk); and Ng Ka-lun, 31, former supervisor of Dynamic, face a joint charge of conspiracy for an agent to use documents with intent to deceive his principal, contrary to Section 9(3) of POBO and Section 159A of the Crimes Ordinance. Ng further faces an alternative charge.

The defendants will appear in Tsuen Wan Magistracy at 9:30 am on Friday (July 17) for plea.

The joint charge alleges that between March 1 and July 10, 2007, the defendants conspired together for Chan to use false invoices of Dynamic with intent to deceive Maersk, purporting to show that Dynamic did perform the transportation services for Maersk.

As a result of the alleged invoices, Maersk released payments totalling \$12,000 to Dynamic.

The alternative charge alleges Ng of having conspired together with the proprietor of Dynamic and Chan between March 1 and July 10, 2007 for Chan to use false invoices of Dynamic for the same reason.

The defendants in the above three cases have been released on ICAC bail, pending their court appearance on Friday.