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Duo charged with fraud over sale of smart phones	10/11/2011

Two staff members of an electrical appliances retailer have been today (Thursday) charged by the ICAC for allegedly using false sales receipts to deceive their company in relation to the sale of smart phones.

Chan Hiu-lung, 35, and Sze Kam-wai, 32, respectively sales advisor and cashier/clerk of Fortress, face a joint charge of conspiracy for agents to use documents with intent to deceive their principal, contrary to Section 9(3) of the Prevention of Bribery Ordinance (POBO) and Section 159A of the Crimes Ordinance.

Chan further faces two counts of agent using documents with intent to deceive his principal, contrary to Section 9(3) of the POBO.

The defendants will appear at Eastern Magistracy at 9:30 am on Monday (November 14) for plea.

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

At the material times, the defendants were posted to one of the branches of Fortress, which implemented a "one-person-one-phone" policy in relation to the sale of a model of smart phone.

Fortress required each salesperson to record customers' information on sales memos or sales receipts. He was also required to enter such information into the computer system to make sure that he did not sell more than one smart phone to the same customer on the same day.

The conspiracy charge alleges that in August 2010, Chan and Sze conspired together and with another person for them to use 100 sales receipts, which contained false names and phone numbers of the purchasers, with intent to deceive Fortress.

The two other charges allege that between August and November 2010, Chan, together with two other persons, used 70 sales receipts, which contained false names and signatures of the purchasers, for the same purpose.

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

The defendants have been released on ICAC bail, pending their court appearance on Monday.

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