

IN THE STATE COURTS OF THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE

Public Prosecutor

v

Yeo Jiawei

District Court – DAC-916764-2016 & Ors

31 October, 1-3, 7, 8-11, 16-17, 22 November, 21-22 December 2016

22 December 2016

District Judge Ng Peng Hong

BRIEF GROUNDS OF DECISION

In view of the seriousness and nature of the offences committed, the main sentencing consideration must be one of deterrence.

2 I note that the prescribed punishment for an offence under Section 204A read with Section 511 of the Penal Code is imprisonment for a term which may extend to three and a half years, or with fine, or with both. The prescribed punishment for an offence under Section 204A read with Section 116 of the Penal Code is imprisonment for a term which may extend to one and three quarters of a year, or with fine, or with both.

3 The other factors I take into account in determining the appropriate sentences include the following:

- (1) The accused's efforts to frustrate the CAD's investigations into the offences committed.
- (2) The alleged predicate offences that the accused tried to conceal are serious as they involved cheating and illegal money laundering. The punishment for these offences can be up to 10 years' of imprisonment.
- (3) In committing the offences, the Accused had tried to cover up his illicit gains received by Bridgerock, a company beneficially owned by him.
- (4) There was planning and premeditation involved in the commission of the offences. In this respect, the accused had used "Telegram" and secondary phone line belonging to 3rd party in facilitating the commission of the offences and avoiding detection.
- (5) The offences were committed while the accused was released on bail.

4. In assessing the sentence, I have also considered the mitigation plea submitted by the counsel.

5. Having considered the submissions of the parties, the totality principle and the sentencing precedents, I sentence the accused person as follows:

- (1) DAC-916764/2016: 15 months' imprisonment
- (2) DAC-917294/2016: 15 months' imprisonment
- (3) DAC-931462/2016: 15 months' imprisonment
- (4) DAC-931463/2016: 7 months' imprisonment

6. I order the sentences in DAC 916764/2016 and DAC 931462/2016 to run consecutively. The total sentence is 30 months' imprisonment.

Ng Peng Hong

District Judge

Mr Tan Kiat Pheng, Mr Nathaniel Khng *for the Public Prosecutor*;
Mr Philip Fong, Mr Nicklaus Tan (M/s Harry Elias Partnership LLP);