

IN THE WESTMINSTER MAGISTRATES COURT

REGINA

-V-

(1) Chung Biu YUEN

(2) Chi Leung WAI aka Peter WAI

(3) Matthew Peter TRICKETT

INITIAL DETAILS OF THE PROSECUTION CASE

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DEFENDANTS

Defendant 1

Name: Chung Biu YUEN

DOB: 02 June 1960

Nationality : Dual Chinese/British

Address: Flat 12 Wonder House, Roseberry Place, London, E8 3GA

Defendant 2

Name: Chi Leung WAI aka Peter WAI

DOB: 10 May 1953

Nationality : Dual Chinese/British

Address: resides at 6 Shellfield Close, Staines Upon Thames, London, TW19 6BX.

Defendant 3

Name: Matthew Peter TRICKETT

DOB: 15 February 1987

Address: Flat 42 Marlborough House, Clivemont Road, Maidenhead, SL6 7TP

CHARGES

1. On 12 May 2024, prior to charge the Solicitor General gave his consent for the prosecution of the defendants.
2. On 12 May 2024, the defendants were charged with the following two offences:

Assisting a Foreign Intelligence Service

- (i) Between 20 December 2023 and 2 May 2024 Chung Biu YUEN, Chi Leung WAI and Matthew Peter Trickett engaged in conduct, namely agreeing to undertake information gathering, surveillance and acts of deception, that was likely to materially assist a foreign intelligence service carrying out UK-related activities and in doing so knew or, having regard to other matters known to them, they ought reasonably to have known, that their conduct was likely to have that effect.

Contrary to section 3(2) and (9) of the National Security Act 2023.

Foreign interference

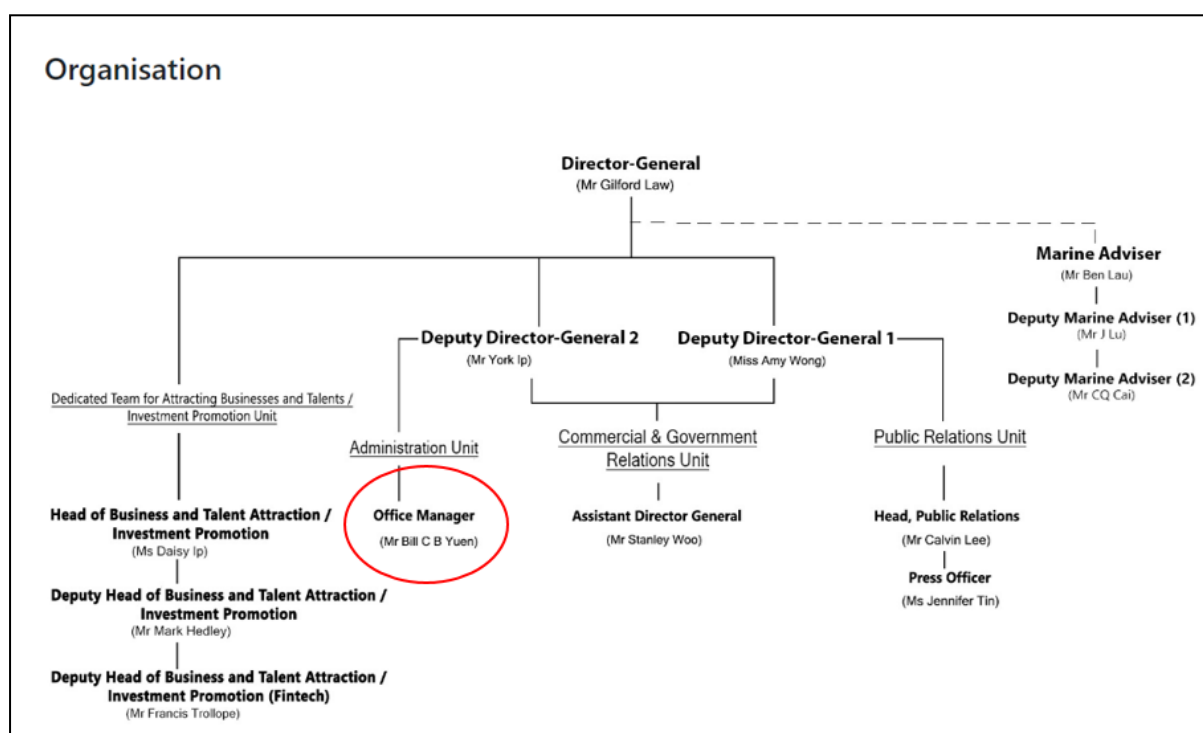
- (ii) On 1 May 2024, Chung Biu YUEN, Chi Leung WAI and Matthew Peter Trickett engaged in prohibited conduct, namely, forcing entry into a UK residential address, being reckless as to whether the prohibited conduct, or course of conduct of which it forms part, would have an interference effect.

Contrary to section 13 (2) and (7) of the National Security Act 2023.

Background

Hong Kong Economic Trade Office (HKETO)

1. The HKETOs are the trade offices of Hong Kong outside the territory. There are 14 HKETOs outside Hong Kong and China, and 7 in China. In addition to HKETOs, the Hong Kong Government has an office in Beijing, the capital of China, called the Office of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region in Beijing.
2. The HKETO in London is an extension of the Government of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, part of the People's Republic of China.
3. The below image was obtained on 6 May 2024 from HKETO website and sets out the organisational structure :¹



¹ Under the Hong Kong and Trade Act 1996, the premises of the office and its head of office shall have the same inviolability and privileges as are accorded to the consular premises and the residence of the head of a consular post. [Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office Act 1996 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1996/12/section/1)

Chung Biu YUEN

4. Chung Biu YUEN aka 'Billy YUEN' is a 63-year-old, is a retired Hong Kong police officer. YUEN has no criminal convictions or cautions.

5. YUEN is employed by HKETO as the office manager according to the official website, where he is named as Mr Bill C B YUEN. YUEN is shown as third in command under the Director General and Deputy Director General in term of the department's administration unit. As such, YUEN's position will involve direct involvement in the inner workings of the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office (HKETO).

Chi Leung WAI aka Peter WAI

6. Chi Leung WAI aka 'Peter WAI' is a 38-year-old UK Border Force Officer - based at London Heathrow Airport - and a City of London Police Special Constable. WAI has no criminal cautions or convictions.

7. WAI has access to secure computer systems by virtue of his employment in the UK Border Force and as Special Constable with City of London Police.

8. Open source research confirms that WAI is the director and founder of D5 Security. D5 security advertise themselves as an independent private security company based in the UK, providing security and staffing services for individuals, families and businesses based in the UK, China and Hong Kong. The website claims that WAI has over 20 years' experience in the British Military, police and private security sector. The website claims that '*no matter what our client requires, D5 Security will provide a discreet service with the upmost professionalism of individuals*'.

Matthew TRICKETT

9. Matthew TRICKETT is a 37-year-old Immigration Enforcement Officer and private investigator. He is a former British Royal Marine, serving between 22 Feb 2007 and 6 Mar 2013. TRICKETT has a 2005 Penalty Notice for disorderly behaviour.

10. TRICKETT was formerly employed by the UK Border Force at London Heathrow Airport, before joining Home Office Immigration Enforcement on 21 February 2024. Similar to WAI, TRICKETT has access to secure computer systems.
11. Companies House confirms that TRICKETT is the director for MTR Consultancy. MTR Consultancy was incorporated on the 21 April 2021. Open-source captures show that the company offers services primarily focused on security, surveillance and private investigation.

Allegation

12. The criminal activity includes conducting hostile activity within the UK to assist a foreign intelligence service. It is alleged that YUEN in his capacity as office manager for the HKETO, also appears to have a remit to gather intelligence on behalf of a foreign intelligence service. YUEN has tasked WAI and TRICKETT to conduct specific hostile activity which includes information gathering, hostile surveillance, acts of deception and forcing entry into a UK residential address. The primary targets of the hostile activity appear to be Hong Kong diaspora now based in the UK.
13. The evidence below shows that YUEN plays an integral part of the tasking of hostile state activity in the UK. YUEN's communications with WAI indicate that WAI has visited him at the offices of the HKETO. WAI and TRICKETT have been paid for their activity directly from the HKETO bank account, and their invoices are sent to the London office of the HKETO.

Foreign interference

14. In mid-2023 and again in December 2023 there was significant global media reporting around bounties issued by the Hong Kong Police Force and Hong Kong Government. These bounties targeted a number of individuals, some of whom were known to be residing in the UK, for their alleged links to pro-democracy protests in Hong Kong. The bounties offered approximately £100,000 for information leading to identifying the persons' whereabouts or their capture. Parallel to the issuing of these bounties, the Hong Kong government made various high-profile statements. These included the Hong Kong Chief Executive, John Lee, who said that the aim was to target the individuals to "*end their destiny of being an abscondee*" and that they "*will be pursued for life.*" He urged the individuals to "give themselves up as soon as possible" and said that Hong Kong authorities would monitor the individuals while overseas, stating "*we want them to know that we will not sit and do nothing.*"

15. The UK government response was robust. Foreign Secretary David Cameron called the Hong Kong police's move "*a threat to our democracy and fundamental human rights*". "*We will not tolerate any attempt by any foreign power to intimidate, harass or harm individuals or communities in the UK,*" he said in a statement on Thursday.²

Pro-democracy Chinese activists -Hostile activity in the UK pre–National Security Act 2023

16. Some of the hostile activity that has been identified by the police investigation predates the commencement of the National Security Act 2003 (i.e occurred before 20 December 2023) , however, it is relevant evidence that the prosecution will adduce to help demonstrate the relationship between YUEN, WAI and TRICKETT, the type of activity in which they were engaged and, significantly, who the conduct was clearly intended to benefit.

17. Messaging on YUEN's phone between him and WAI indicate that surveillance on pro-democracy protestor Nathan LAW has been ongoing since 2021; the evidence includes messages regarding surveillance against Mr Law and discussion around his associates 'badmouthing' Hong Kong.

18. Within this chat YUEN tells WAI '*that's why we continue to use your security to our office*', which implies a tasking relationship from YUEN, on behalf of HKETO, to WAI. YUEN also appears to highlight people that would be '*our enemies*' and the need to get '*rid of hatred*', referring to groups such as '*Chinese Youth Overseas*'.

19. In text conversations between YUEN and WAI they discuss other targets; these indicate WAI is providing YUEN with intelligence and has completed checks for YUEN to enable further activity. Images captured on YUEN's device show various people associated with protests against the Hong Kong and Chinese State. TRICKETT appears to be a main contributor to the WAI/YUEN taskings. He has a note saved on his mobile phone relating to a surveillance tasking, dated 16 August 2023. It states:

² [Hong Kong offers HK\\$1m bounties on five overseas activists - BBC News](#)

“sv task aug 23

Told pete £840 for first search. (actual cost £770) £70 profit. received 1k

then £750 x 2 task. total 1500.

but actual cost £1,200. £300 profit

total £2,350 expenses £150. 1.5k profit. £750 profit

£750 + £300 + £70. £1,120

Finn Lau

Christopher Siu Tat Mung”

20. Christopher MUNG is another high-profile activist and subject to the ‘bounty’ from the Hong Kong Police Force. This note is highly relevant to the foreign power link; by context it can be shown that ‘Pete’ (Peter WAI) has paid TRICKETT to complete a surveillance tasking in August 2023, against Finn LAU and Christopher MUNG. Owing to the timing, with the bounties issued just a short time before, and the fact that there is no other identified link between Mr LAU and Mr MUNG, it has to be assumed that this tasking is for the benefit of the Hong Kong authorities – either directly or indirectly – to locate and find out information on the subjects.

21. On 22 August 2023 TRICKETT created a further note in his application. This note appears to be a further tasking but details some questions that appear to come from a client called ‘ETO’, by context the (Hong Kong) Economic and Trade Office. Again, Pete (WAI) features. The note says:

“Questions for Pete.

if eto want a specific price they need to confirm how days required.

client paid 6k

ask 1k

£770 checks/ door knock. £840

ask for 2k

60ph sv. Max 10 hours. £600 × 2

£1200.

12 hours £1,440.

£1.20 pm

£300 expenses. £1500. £500 for me..

Do we know if they live in london? Where is the event on the 31st. Are you able to offer this service: Person trace, checking all addresses and doorknock confirmation and photo.

Basic OSINT to assist with investigation.

charge eto 2k per person online trace, checking addresses and door knock, inc

relatives and using OSINT.

6k charge

D beveridge charge £2,500. 3.5k profit

Raven eye charge 2k. 4k profit

use 3 x PI. 1 per address for 4 days. 15k. £1,200 per day profit. £4,800 profit

or 1 x PI 4 days each location. 12 k. £400 per day profit. 12 days. £4800 profit

or 2 x pi 5 days . £800 per day profit. £4k profit.”

22. Of significance is that TRICKETT is charging the (HK)ETO for this activity, which includes “person online trace, checking addresses [sic] and door knock, inc relatives and using OSINT.” Clearly, this tasking is for the benefit of a foreign power, via the HKETO.

23. Additionally, found on TRICKETT’s device were a number of detailed surveillance reports (*see examples below*), including against Mr Nathan Law, who is also the subject to the ‘bounty’ issued by Hong Kong authorities:

Report titled ‘*Surveillance Report linked to observations of Chinese dissident, Kwun Chung Law dob 13/07/1993 also known as Nathan Law on 31/08/2023 - op HKG*’ found on TRICKETT’s phone:

This Surveillance Report found on TRICKETT's mobile phone, relates to a Chinese national, Kwun Chung Law also known as Nathan Law and Kwun Chung, Surveillance carried out at this individual's home address and business addresses in London, includes a number of images, as set out below, of the premises, protesters attending a demonstration in central London. Remarks in the report includes text "Some possible IDs of our subject"



FINANCIAL ACTIVITY

24. Financial enquiries have been conducted on YUEN, WAI and TRICKETT. YUEN is employed by the HKETO.
25. WAI is a Director of 'D5 Security Consultancy'. Financial enquiries into this company have been conducted. It has been identified that this company has made payments to a company by the name of MTR Consultancy. These payments are referenced 'Task' and 'Sept Task'. Companies House confirms that MTR Consultancy was incorporated on the 21 April 2021 with the director listed as Matthew TRICKETT. Open-source information states that this company offer services primarily focused on security, surveillance and private investigation.
26. Financial enquiries reveal TRICKETT has received multiple payments into his personal and MTR Consultancy Business account from WAI or WAI's Private security company D5 Security.
27. D5 Security Consultancy Limited (WAI's company) has received three credits from the HKETO which is a HSBC UK PLC account. The total amount of credits into account, over three payments, totals £95,500.00 between the 05 June 2023 and 31 January 2024. When the payments are credited into the D5 Security account, payments are seen to almost immediately go out to numerous people/ companies from D5 Security to include TRICKETT/ MTR CONSULTANCY LIMITED (TRICKETT's company) as well as others. This is paralleled by messaging between WAI, YUEN and TRICKETT to confirm that payments have been made or received by the suspects.

Victim -Monica Man Ki KWONG

28. Monica KWONG is a 41-year-old British National (Overseas) passport holder. Ms Kwong is UK-based and is thought to have previously worked for YearShine Investment Ltd and TWT Global Limited in Hong Kong.
29. It is alleged by the Hong Kong authorities and YearShine that Ms Kwong defrauded YearShine by transferring HK\$144,215,000 out of the company accounts. She is also accused of theft of property to the value of HK\$21,426, 152. The total sum of the claim equates to approximately £15,000,000.
30. Ms KWONG has no cautions or criminal convictions in the UK. The investigation team have not seen any evidence of KWONG committing the alleged offences. She has provided a statement to the police and has denied being responsible for the alleged fraud activity.
31. Ms Kwong left Hong Kong in December 2023 and now resides in the UK. However, the alleged fraud is known to have been reported to the Hong Kong Police and there are civil proceedings issued against Ms Kwong
- 16 Ms Kwong states that not long after she left Hong Kong, the Hong Kong Police Force attended her parents' address. The police are said to have asked her mother to tell her to come back to Hong Kong where they could 'protect her'. Ms Kwong knows that her family has been targeted in Hong Kong.

Operation 'KWONG'

32. Ms Kwong appears to be the subject of the attentions of those who represent her former employer YearShine. The employees of YearShine and private investigators flew from Hong Kong to the UK in the week commencing 30 April 2024 to locate Ms KWONG. One of the investigators, Mr Wing CHEUK, a retired Hong Kong Police Officer, is friends with YUEN. They separately tasked WAI to investigate Ms Kwong's whereabouts in the UK.
33. In brief, YUEN and Mr CHEUK appear to have both been involved in arranging for WAI and TRICKETT and others to engage in research, surveillance and eventually direct action against Ms Kwong.

34. From seized devices there are hundreds of messages between YUEN and WAI, and WAI and TRICKETT. Although these messaging threads are still being reviewed by the police , there is indication that WAI is using restricted accesses to conduct checks on Ms Kwong.
35. WAI later sends YUEN images of searches conducted against Ms Kwong’s including, passport and financial checks.
36. It appears that YUEN is tasking WAI to complete checks on Ms Kwong , using what appears to be restricted access systems, to enable further intelligence to be gathered on her.
37. Simultaneous to these images being sent, YUEN and WAI have a text conversation. WAI asked YUEN what he should do when those representing YearShine also want to see the results of above financial check against Ms Kwong.
38. In January 2024, WAI sent images of Ms KWONG’s family members to another person on a secure systems.
39. The Home Office have provided the work e-mails for WAI and TRICKETT. Within TRICKETT’s work e-mail, it appears that TRICKETT has e-mailed from his personal ‘hotmail’ account to his work account a document titled ‘Op KWONG’. This document would appear to be a surveillance report focused on Ms Kwong at her home address on 30 January 2024 and 25 April 2024 at Flat 304 King Charles II House, Headland road, Pontefract WF8 1BQ.
40. It is significant to note that WAI received a payment from HKETO on 31 January 2024 in sum of £16,170, and on the same day WAI transferred £1,170 to TRICKETT under payment reference ‘SV’ (surveillance)

31/01/2024	£16,170.00	CREDIT	BACS	HKETO
31/01/2024	£1,170.00	DEBIT	Faster Payment	SV

41. The surveillance document states :

*'To commence observations at the location provided and conduct surveillance to attempt to record **ALL** movements and activities. The operator will follow the subject and observer and report all other movements and log with picture / video evidence '*

42. The location is stated as *'Flat 304 King Charles II House, Headlands Road, Pontefract, WF8 1BQ'*.

43. The document provides a surveillance synopsis. The surveillance team have arrived at 0736hrs and have taken photos of the entrance to Flat 304 King Charles II House. At 1533hrs states that the operative was able to gain entry and find post found within addressed to 'Patrick Wong' of 304 King Charles House.



44. A Further surveillance report has been recovered. This PDF report was sent from TRICKETT to WAI during a Whatsapp chat on 28 April 2024 at 20:30:14 and found on TRICKETT's Samsung mobile phone.

45. The document states the subjects as Monica KWONG and Patrick WONG, and captures imagery of the outside of the building, imagery of the interior and another set of images of a female noted as being Ms Kwong. There are a number of images of the exterior of the property

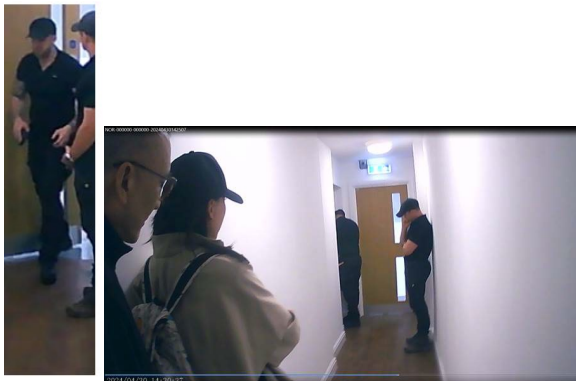
46. Financial enquiries show that WAI was sent money by Mr Cheuk via bank transfer on 23 April 2024 in the sum of 50,000 HKD-£5000. This payment ties in with the surveillance activity on 24 and 25 April 2024 above.

TRAVEL TO VICTIM's ADDRESS

47. Body worn video (BWV) camera believed to be worn by WAI was seized during the investigation. The footage has been downloaded and has identified three clips. It would appear that the group has taken part in a hostile reconnaissance on 30 April 2024, prior to their arrest on 1 May 2024.

Hostile reconnaissance – 30 April 024 at 1425hrs

48. This first footage is approx. 9 mins in length. Screenshots have been taken from the footage and show TRICKETT and others tasked to assist and including employees of YearShine approach the front door of Flat 304 and try knocking for many minutes, with no response. TRICKETT appears to tamper with the door/handle. They all then leave the area.



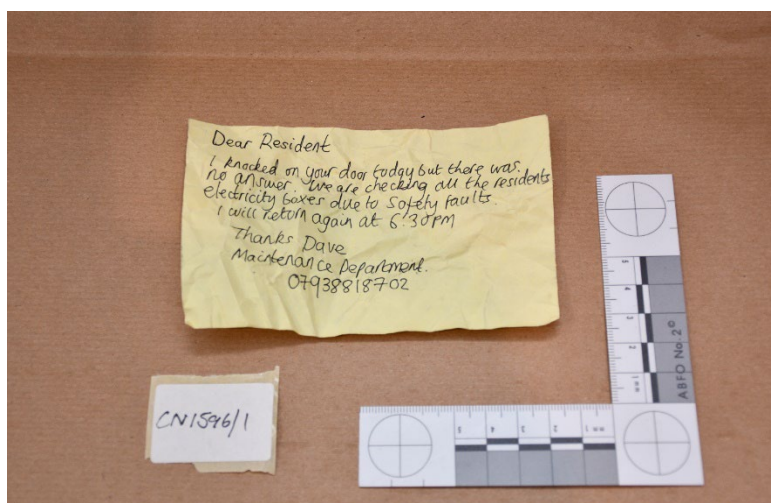
Hostile reconnaissance – 30 April 2024 at 1800hrs

49. . This second footage is approximately 3 mins in length. The screenshots below show the group walking up to two different ends of a corridor within a block of flats. TRICKETT comes away from the flat with a post-it note pad as they leave down the stairs.



50. TRICKETT is holding a post it note. The writing on the post it note reads :

'Dear Resident. I knocked on your door today but there was no answer. We are checking all the residents' electricity boxes due to safety faults. I will return at 6:30pm. Thanks Dave. Maintenance Department. 07938818702.'



Hostile reconnaissance – 01May 2024 at 1945hrs

51. The third clip is approximately 7 minutes in length. The footage shows the group approach Flat 304. A snake camera is deployed under the door of number 304. On this occasion TRICKETT appears to be wearing the body worn camera [based on tattoos], who then has an attempt with the snake camera.



65. TRICKETT then appears to have a conversation with Mr CHEUK by the stairwell. Mr CHEUK appears to make gestures which leads to TRICKETT picking up a large water container and pouring it on the front door of Flat 304.

66. TRICKETT knocks on the door and states that he is 'Dave from maintenance' who tried to get through to her yesterday too. TRICKETT says there is a leak and they need to investigate. TRICKETT is

heard to say ‘that’s scared her.’ TRICKETT then pours more water and knocks on the door again, saying ‘Ma’am you need to open up’ about the leak and ‘other residents are complying’.



BREAKING INTO THE PROPERTY- 1 May 2024

67. Of significance in the lead-up to the breaking into Ms KWONG’s property, there is chat conversations between YUEN, WAI and TRICKETT

Red text – WAI, black text - YUEN

447557041697@s.whatsapp.net Peter	Participants: 447889410208@s.whatsapp.net CB Yuen (owner), 447557041697@s.whatsapp.net Peter	Incoming	Just walking up
447557041697@s.whatsapp.net Peter	Participants: 447889410208@s.whatsapp.net CB Yuen (owner), 447557041697@s.whatsapp.net Peter	Incoming	食詐糊
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	Peter		



70. **Matthew TRICKETT**, was arrested at 23:00 on Wednesday 1 May 2024 also inside Flat 304 King Charles II House, Headlands Road, Pontefract, WF8 1BQ. TRICKETT panicked as police approached and concealed his Samsung mobile phone in his underpants. He made no reply to caution. He did make significant comments upon arrest. He informed the arresting officer he ran his own security company specialising in close protection and was tasked by a male called Peter to conduct surveillance on the address. Property found on TRICKETT included:

1- Security Industry Authority (SIA) identification with an image of Mr Trickett,

2- A black body worn video camera,

3- A pair of worn blue latex gloves,

4- A Depstech inspection camera instruction manual,

5- A car key for a Mitsubishi Outlander VRM WR21FNT, TRICKETT informed Police that the above vehicle was his and stated his work baton and handcuffs were in the vehicle.

71. **Chung Biu YUEN** was arrested at 04:00 hours on Thursday 2 May 2024 at his home address, Flat 12 Wonder House, Roseberry Place, London, E8 3GA.

Alongside the above three defendant's, eight other people were arrested in relation to this investigation. These other individuals have been released from detention following decision by the Senior Investigating Officer.

Interviews:

Chi Leung WAI

72. First interview 03 May 2024 2213-2255

Summary;

- Questions put to Mr Wai – Presence at location/Activities for a foreign state/Financial/ID cards
- Answered no comment to all questions asked.

73. Second Interview 05 May 2024 1312 – 1316 (Further consultation required)

Third Interview 05 May 2024 1353 – 1523

- Questions put to Mr Wai – D5 security/Other persons arrested/Exhibit 156 (3 Body worn camera clips)/phone
- Answered no comment to all questions asked.

Matthew TRICKETT

74. First Interview 04 May 2024 1615-1640 and second Interview 04 May 2024 1856-1952

Summary;

- Answered no comment to all questions put to him.
- Questions put to TRICKETT – Presence at location/comments on arrest /Employment/WAI/This assignment/Exhibits found/Actions at scene/Other parties arrested

75. Third Interview 06/05/2024 2105-2154

Summary;

- Prepared statement given. Denies the offence and states that WAI is his client and he was serving his needs.
- Knows WAI from border force, WAI told him he was ex police officer, current COL special.
- Has previously worked for, and been paid by, the Hong Kong Economic Trade Office. Has met a 'Bill YEN' from that office.
- Has provided PI work for WAI before and invoiced him.
- Took the Pontefract tasking, and was told by WAI that it was legal and legitimate.
- Poured the water under the flat door.
- Employed DUNN for the surveillance of this location.
- States Peter 'and others' pushed the flat door open. TRICKETT entered as this was part of his job in close protection.

76. Fourth Interview 07/05/2024 1927 - 2117

- States he is allowed to take handcuffs home as he doesn't have a locker.
- Feels angry with Peter for putting him in this position, states that he saw him throw something out the window, states that was the white card with superintendent on it.

- States WAI has spoken about previous jobs.
- States he worked for the HKETO before, 'all done through HK bank accounts'.
- WAI would ask for people to do surveillance work, TRICKETT would find them and report back to WAI.
- TRICKETT states he met 'Bill' in May 2023, in person and professionally only. States he was going to be team leader.
- This job was through a lady called Tina, Bill is said to be the link between the office and security teams. Bill is ex-HKP and well respected. 'Pete gets paid by Hong Kong, Bill is a worker'
- Met WAI in 2021/2022 at Heathrow, working. Didn't like him to start with, he lied he was in the Marines, TRICKETT said he was in the Navy. TRICKETT said grew on him.
- WAI would ask TRICKETT questions around PI/Protection work, TRICKETT would advise on quotations.
- Discussed the BWV with police. Identified the parties.

Chung Biu YUEN

77. First interview

Summary;

- Mr Yuen provided a full account to police. He states that he was contacted by a friend in Hong Kong end of 2023 and beginning of 2024 for assistance.
- His friend is Mr Cheuk , they had both worked in the HKPF together.
- They have a mutual friend called 'HORNBY', his client (Tina ZOU) was trying to recover a very large amount of stolen money.
- He is friends with Peter (Mr WAI), has known him 4 years, and they shared a connection as Peter had told him that he was a police officer. Peter had shown his superintendent warrant card.
- He was asked by Mr CHEUK if Peter could take the job in finding the woman (Monica) who stole the money, Peter agreed and he informed Mr CHEUK.
- He denies having any involvement in this job other than being the point of contact. He did not receive any payment and his understanding was that Peter would be paid by Mr CHEUK.

- He states that he was once sent a video by Peter, in which it shows Monica's house and a clip of her opening the door to receive a package.
- He was contacted by Mr CHEUK (dates unknown) and was told that he, Hornby and Tina were going to come to the UK and try and recover the money through a face to face meeting. He discussed logistics with Peter the next day including organising a bodyguard, solicitor and body worn video.
- He met some of the party at Heathrow airport but did not recognise all of them.
- Later that day Peter had told him that Monica was not home so they were going to stay the night.
- He categorically denies the offence, and that this job was him acting as a friend and it had nothing to do with his employment.
- He denies having any contact with an intelligence service, is shocked he has been arrested for such a serious offence and was simply acting as a friend.
- His current employment is as an office manager with his duties consisting of admin and promotion.
- He did 37 years in the HKPF and retired at 55 years old as a superintendent. He resides in the UK with his wife, son and daughter. He prefers the UK to Hong Kong.
- He finished by confirming he has never actively assisted anyone in Hong Kong with anything other than the odd question about tax or UK health service. He said he had nothing to hide and stated there would be nothing on his phone to prove the offence.

78. Second Interview 06/05/2024 2253 – 2309

Summary;

- Prepared statement by YUEN
- States he is happy to answer questions
- Denies any and all offences
- States the Monica tasking was him helping a friend
- WAI used as security for his office (HKETO) and HK officials arriving in the UK.
- Communication with WAI on his personal phone is described as 'Chit chat'

79. Third Interview 07/05/2024 2006 – 2200

Summary;

- YUEN's Solicitor read out a Prepared Written statement which said that he didn't want to answer any further questions due to the staged disclosure and being in a cell for 5 days.
- YUEN then went on to clarify that part of his Job at the Hong Kong Economic Trade Office (HKETO) was to manage security in addition to admin. He says all security is arranged through Peter WAI and that he does this because there have been an increase in protests outside HKETO since 2019 and he needed to know about these protests to be able to provide security.
- He used Peter WAI because he believed him to have a security company and he could get information on protests.
- YUEN says he never acted on any information given to him by WAI and that he has only paid him money on 3 occasions as a favour because WAI asked him for help because he couldn't make his own international transfers from his Hong Kong Bank Account.
- YUEN was then asked a series of questions to which he replied 'No Comment' to them all.
- YUEN was asked to clarify his role at HKETO and whether he uses any other security companies. He was asked why he needed information of the protests and if he spoke to the local police about this. YUEN was shown financial information about his bank account and refused to clarify anything around this.
- YUEN was asked about the image of the tasking regarding Pi Quin Ni and why he was interested in this, he was asked questions about how he came into possession of this image
- YUEN was then shown conversations between him and WAI and again asked various questions about them, this covered conversations regarding mentions of Joyce Wong, a Female working with the BBC, various organisations mentioned such as the Yellow Economic Circle and THK. He was asked about his mention of various police and ex-police officers or if he had been introduced to any of Peters Friends/colleagues.

80. Fourth Interview 08/05/2024 1733 – 1853

Summary

- YUEN provides another prepared statement, then answers no comment to all questions.

- Statement - Denied having committed any offences, and claimed that George LEE was a friend of his and not part of any foreign power or foreign intelligence service. He claimed to now believe the police are simply trying to find something against him and make a case without any basis or foundation. He went on to say a lot of police resources and time has been spent on this case in the last six days and he feels it will need to be justified.
- Questions put to YUEN - Timeline and messages (Exhibit C1991_1_C2450_4)/ Meaning of messages he sent (principally to Peter Wai and George Lee)/Activities on people who were opposed to the Hong Kong and Chinese government/Debt collection/Money transfers/Bank accounts .

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