

Former RWS director charged with receiving \$317k in bribes

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A former director of Resorts World Sentosa (RWS) was charged yesterday with receiving bribes totalling \$317,000 while a freelance quantity surveyor has been accused of abetting him.

Soh Yew Meng, 36, faces four charges of receiving bribes from three contractors and three of trying to get bribes.

Freelance quantity surveyor Tan Siow Hui, 32, allegedly abetted in the offences by conspiring with Soh to receive bribes and attempting to get an unspecified sum from two men.

Soh, then a director of RWS, allegedly obtained \$150,000 on each of two occasions from Shanghai Chong Kee Furniture & Construction managing director Tan Ken Huat to further the company's business interest with RWS.

The first alleged payment took place at Seah Imm Road carpark on July 22, 2013, and the second, at a carpark at Bukit Batok Street 31 sometime between Dec 23, 2013 and Jan 15 last year.

Court documents say he obtained the bribes through Superinterc director Teo Wee Liap and

Tan Siow Hui.

Soh is said to have obtained a \$2,000 bribe from freelance lighting designer Teo Sin Tiong of Maple Lighting Studio on July 28, 2013, as a reward for furthering the studio's business with RWS.

He allegedly obtained a \$15,000 bribe from Beyond Builders (2005) director Tan Choon Hung, via Tan Siow Hui, between Nov 11 and 19, 2013, to further the business interest of Beyond Builders with RWS.

The other three charges were for allegedly trying to get unspecified sums of money through Tan Siow Hui in 2013 from Mr Goh Kheng Heng, a director of Novelty Project Services, and Mr Douglas Gwee Kok Nian, unemployed.

Their lawyer Dora Boon said her clients are claiming trial.

Tan's \$300,000 police bail has been extended while Soh is out on \$150,000 court bail.

Their passports have been impounded.

The prosecution said \$170,000 has been recovered.

A pre-trial conference will be held on Oct 23.

The maximum penalty for corruption is a \$100,000 fine and five years' jail.

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Soh Yew Meng (left) faces four charges of taking bribes from three contractors and three of trying to get bribes. Tan Siow Hui allegedly abetted in the offences.

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