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Public Prosecutor v Lo Xin Hui Samantha and Chong Tze Chen Anthony

Court: Subordinate Court No. 23
Prosecutor: Lim How Khang
Defence: Philip Jeyaretnam SC and Derek Kang for Samantha Lo;
Kenneth Pereira for Anthony Chong

1. Today, on 26 March 2013, the Prosecution tendered charges against one Lo Xin Hui Samantha (“Samantha Lo”) and one Chong Tze Chen Anthony (“Anthony Chong”) in the District Court.
2. Samantha Lo was charged for the following offences alleged to have been committed between November 2011 and May 2012:
 - (a) one count of mischief done in furtherance of the common intention with Anthony Chong under section 426 read with section 34 of the Penal Code;
 - (b) one count of mischief causing loss upwards of \$500 under section 427 of the Penal Code; and
 - (c) 13 charges of mischief under section 426 of the Penal Code.
3. Anthony Chong was charged for the following offences alleged to have been committed between 16 and 17 May 2012:
 - (a) one count of mischief done in furtherance of the common intention with Samantha Lo under section 426 read with section 34 of the Penal Code;
 - (b) one count of abetting Samantha Lo to commit an offence of mischief causing loss upwards of \$500 under section 427 read with section 109 of the Penal Code; and
 - (c) six counts of abetting Samantha Lo to commit an offence of mischief under section 426 read with section 109 of the Penal Code.
4. In arriving at the decision to charge Samantha Lo and Anthony Chong, the Attorney-General’s Chambers also considered, alongside other factors, representations made by Counsel and also a Member of Parliament on their behalf.

5. The decision to prefer charges of mischief under sections 426 and 427 of the Penal Code against Samantha Lo and Anthony Chong was arrived at after a careful consideration of various factors, such as: the level of seriousness of their criminal acts, the specific fact situations in which the acts were committed, their individual levels of culpability, the extent of their cooperation with the investigation authorities, personal mitigating circumstances, the loss suffered by the victims, as well as other matters of public interest.

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