

MEDIA STATEMENT
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PROSECUTION FILES NOTICE OF APPEAL IN PP vs YANG YIN

1 Mr Yang Yin, a former tour-guide, pleaded guilty on 16 August 2016 to two charges of Criminal Breach of Trust under section 406 of the Penal Code for dishonestly misappropriating a total of S\$1.1 million from an elderly Singaporean widow. On 30 September 2016, the District Court sentenced the accused to a total of 6 years' imprisonment in respect of these two charges.

2 Having carefully reviewed the Principal District Judge's written grounds of decision, the Public Prosecutor is of the view that the 6-year imprisonment sentence imposed for the Criminal Breach of Trust offences is manifestly inadequate. The sentence does not adequately reflect the true criminality of Mr Yang's conduct. There are two distinctive features of this case which the sentencing court did not give adequate consideration to. First, Mr Yang was a foreigner who came to Singapore for the objective of committing criminal acts. Secondly, not only did he take advantage of a vulnerable elderly person, he has also failed to disclose the full extent of his criminality, return any portion of the misappropriated monies, and he has not shown any remorse.

3 A Notice of Appeal has been filed.

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