

IN THE STATE COURTS OF THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE

District Arrest Case No. 921296 of 2021 & Ors

Between

Public Prosecutor

And

Cher Sheue Pin Alverna

ORAL GROUNDS

[Criminal Law] — [Offences] — [Abetment of suicide]

[Criminal Law] — [Offences] — [Obstructing the course of justice]

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Introduction

1 I am grateful for the hard work of the Prosecution and the Defence.

Charges

2 The Accused, Mdm Cher Sheue Pin Alverna, claimed trial to two charges of abetment by intentionally aiding suicide and obstructing the course of justice.

3 The first charge was for abetment by intentionally aiding under s 306 of the Penal Code (Cap. 224):¹

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are charged that you, on 16 May 2020, at the multi-storey car park located at 145A Bedok Reservoir Road, Singapore, did abet by intentionally aiding Wee Jun Xiang (“Wee”) to commit

¹ DAC 921296 of 2021.

suicide, namely, you turned the valve of a tank of nitrogen gas four to five times, helped Wee to put the tank in a lying position, and positioned the tank to pour the nitrogen gas into an IKEA bag, which facilitated Wee's commission of suicide through nitrogen gas inhalation, and you have thereby committed an offence under Section 306 of the Penal Code (Cap. 224).

4 The second charge was for obstructing the course of justice under s 204A of the Penal Code (Cap. 224):²

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are charged that you, on 16 May 2020, during the afternoon, in Singapore, intending to obstruct the course of justice, to wit, you:

- (i) requested Cheo Oon Hui, Lawrence to drive a motor-van (V.R.N.: GBJ4207J) away from the multi-storey car park located at 145A Bedok Reservoir Road, which vehicle contained a tank of nitrogen gas used in the commission of Wee Jun Xiang's ("Wee") suicide, which suicide you abetted;
- (ii) disposed of an IKEA bag which was used in the commission of Wee's suicide; and
- (iii) falsely informed police officer SSGT Munira Bee Binte Yahaya that Wee had informed you he had been having chest discomfort for the two weeks before 16 May 2020, and that you assumed Wee had died of a heart-attack,

which acts (referred to at (i) to (iii)) had the tendency to obstruct the course of justice, and you have thereby committed an offence punishable under Section 204A of the Penal Code (Cap. 224).

² DAC 920605 of 2021.

Court's Findings

5 My finding is that Mr Wee Jun Xiang (“Mr Wee”) committed suicide and the Accused had intentionally aided the suicide of her ex-boyfriend, Mr Wee. This was shown from the prosecution witnesses' testimony, the communication between Mr Wee and the Accused and her own police statements.

6 The Accused's statement to the police (Exhibit P1 recorded on 1 December 2020) stated:

I got out from the car and went to the rear passenger seat. I then turned the valve of the nitrogen tank, which was standing on the floor of the car. I turned the valve about four to five times, and also put the nitrogen tank to a lying position on the car seat. Sean was pushing the nitrogen tank from the driver seat, and I helped him. After that, I noticed that there was more smoke, about one and a half puff of cigarette smoke.

... ..

Sean then said that there was a need to contain the smoke. He asked me to take the IKEA bag from the boot, so to contain the nitrogen smoke to faster the process. I took the IKEA bag and placed it on the rear seat floor. I then adjusted and tilted the tank so that nitrogen would be poured into the IKEA bag instead.

7 I gave full weight to Exhibit P1.

8 With the escorting officers and medical doctors, the Accused did not raise any complaints or issues concerning any interviews conducted or statements recorded on 1 December 2020.

9 I agreed with the Prosecution that Exhibit P1's reliability was supported by the fact that its contents gelled with objective facts and evidence, showing

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that the Accused possessed an accurate recollection when Exhibit P1 was recorded.

Conclusion

10 All told, the Prosecution had proven its case beyond a reasonable doubt against the Accused. She is found guilty and convicted on both charges.

Shawn Ho
District Judge

Marcus Foo, Timothy Lee and Cheronne Lim (Attorney-General's
Chambers) for the Prosecution;
Peter Ong and Marcus Lim (Peter Ong Law Corporation) for the
Defence.
