

Case Summary

Bid-rigging syndicate



Mastermind



5 middlemen



5 contractors

The bid-rigging syndicate involved in the case was controlled by Dream Building¹ and Cheung Kwing Kuen and also comprised 5 contractors² and 5 middlemen

The Commission's case

1. Scouting for target projects



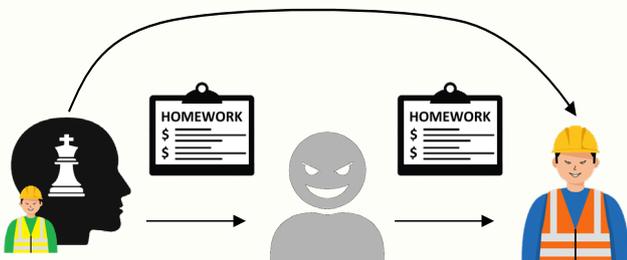
The mastermind scouted for target building maintenance projects in multiple districts across Hong Kong

2. Select bidders



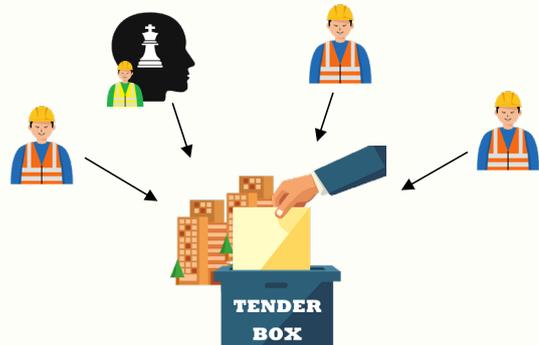
The mastermind selected the syndicate's contractors to bid for the projects, and assigned them to be the "main character" (syndicate's designated winner) or "helpers" (providing cover bids)

3. Hand out homework



The mastermind handed out "homework" (pricing instructions) to contractors either by himself or through the middlemen

4. Submit bids

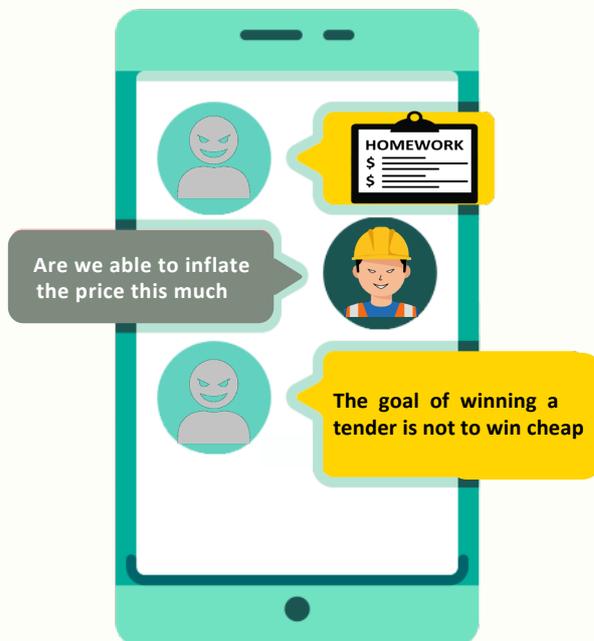


Contractors referenced the "homework" when submitting bids to help the "main character" win. From Apr 2022 to Sep 2023, the syndicate participated in at least 11 project tenders.

1. Dream Building comprises Smart Goal Construction Engineering, Lermond Development Group and Dream Building Construction Engineering. Cheung Kwing Kuen is the actual controller behind Dream Building.
2. Cheung Lee Construction, Ngai Lam Building Construction, Wang Yat Construction, Wai Yip Development Construction and Chun Hung Construction & Engineering.

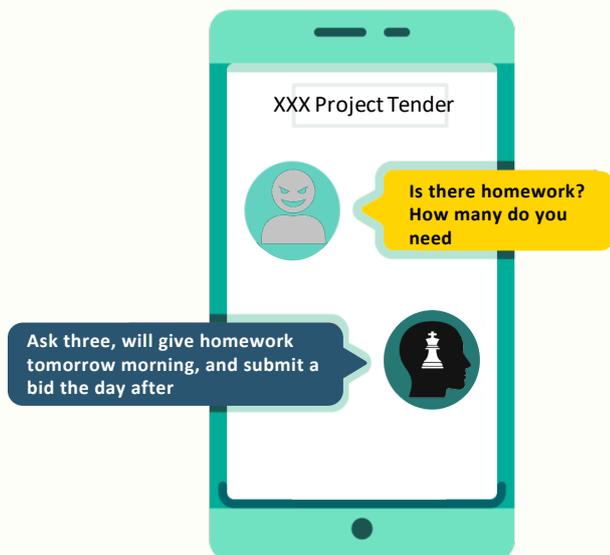
Case Details (Extracts)

The syndicate intends to corner 25% of Hong Kong's building maintenance market through illicit means – a clear reflection of their high degree of greed



Syndicate members used secret codes to communicate, for example:

- > Main character = Syndicate's designated winner
- > Helper = Responsible for providing cover bids
- > Homework = Pricing instructions



The bidding prices contained in the "homework" were specified to the exact number

