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Ex-colleagues of ‘Gary Ng’ shocked to find out ‘soft-spoken man’ had sex video double life

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AMONG netizens who have seen his home-made sex videos, he was known as “Gary Ng”. But his former colleagues knew Chen Guilin, 28, as Gary Chen.

And yesterday, after The New Paper published a picture of him, his co-workers finally realised that they were the same man.

One of them, who wanted to be known only as Steve, said he could not believe it.

He said: “I found out only when I saw the papers in the morning. The picture is the same one that’s on his name card.

“Colleagues have told me that they heard ‘Gary Ng’ is from my company. But I had no idea that it was the Gary I knew.”

On Tuesday, Chen pleaded guilty to eight charges which included possession of obscene films, forgery and housebreaking. (See report on facing page.)

Steve said Chen was a close friend whom he got to know in December 2009 when they worked on a project together at Huttons Real Estate Group.

Chen was with Huttons for just a few months before he quit last year.

Steve recalled that Chen used to get “a lot of phone calls from girls”.

His first impression of Chen was that he was an “Ah Beng” but he later found that the man was friendly and good with words.

He said that he was supposed to work with Chen on another project in the middle of last year, but Chen became uncontactable.

“I went back to the office but he wasn’t around and when I asked my colleagues if they knew where he was, no one knew,” he said.

That was around the time Chen was arrested.

One of Chen’s former supervisors at Huttons told The New Paper that he was shocked to learn of Chen’s “double life”.

The supervisor, who declined to be named, said Chen had submitted his resignation through an e-mail.

“He didn’t seem to be very interested in working in property. Other agents told me that he was always going to discos and pubs,” he said.

However, Chen appeared to be humble and soft-spoken.

The supervisor said: “He seemed the sort to keep a low profile. He’s the kind who would talk to you only if you talk to him first.”

As a Huttons agent, Chen had placed online advertisements to sell and rent out several Tanjong Rhu condo apartments. Some dated back to last February.

In some advertisements, he included his photograph and mobile number and called himself Gary Chen.

On one website, Chen posted images of three awards he won in his career.

One was from Huttons, when he was the eighth Top Project Producer in June 2009.

Chen’s former supervisor said: “That was the only month he did well. The rest of the months, he didn’t close many deals.”

Explaining that the award is based on how much the agent earned, he estimated that Chen probably raked in between \$20,000 and \$30,000 that month.

He said that agents do not have a basic salary and earn money from commissions.

“In the bad months, when (Chen) didn’t do well, he could have earned as little as zero,” he added.

The other two awards Chen won were from Far East Organization, where he worked as a salesman from June 2006 to December 2008.

In Far East, he was known as Chen Guilin, Gary, and this was reflected in his awards.

Chen then moved to ERA, where he started as a part-time agent in October 2007. There, he was known as Gary Chen Guilin.

Terminated

When contacted, an ERA spokesman said Chen’s employment was terminated last September because he had made “no transactions” since he joined.

On his online property listings, Chen said he specialised in the Tanjong Rhu area.

In court on Tuesday, it was revealed that he had broken into three apartments there. Two belonged to his former clients, while the third was owned by a friend of his then girlfriend.

When The New Paper visited Chen’s Yishun flat yesterday, sounds could be heard inside but nobody opened the door.

One of his neighbours, who wanted to be known only as Mr Ng, said he had not seen Chen recently.

The unemployed man said Chen’s parents, in their 60s, are still working. His father is a security guard, while his mother works in a bank.

Chen previously told TNP that he has an elder sister.

Mr Ng said of Chen: “He’s always very well dressed, often in a long-sleeved shirt and pants. He dresses like he is a manager.”

The “decent-looking” and slim-built man also used to return home often past midnight.

Mr Ng said: “I used to drive a taxi. Sometimes, when I came home past midnight, he would return about the same time. I often saw him with different women.”

Another neighbour, who declined to be named, said Chen’s parents were “very nice”.

“His dad likes to go prawning but they don’t eat prawns, so they will give it to us instead,” said the neighbour.

She added that Chen, on the other hand, was not as friendly but brushed it off as a “generation gap”.

Calls to Chen’s mobile phone went unanswered yesterday.

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— One of Chen Guilin’s former supervisors at Huttons, where he got an award (above)

NO, IT’S GARY CHEN

Chen paid passers-by to cash cheques

CHEN Guilin, better known as Gary Ng, pleaded guilty on Tuesday to one charge of possessing 507 obscene films and seven other charges including housebreaking, forgery, criminal breach of trust and unlawfully possessing another person’s identity card.

Another thirteen similar charges will be taken into consideration when he is sentenced on Jan 19.

Before his arrest, Chen, a former property agent, gained notoriety for bragging about his numerous sexual exploits online.

Using the name Gary Ng, he posted several homemade sex videos of himself with various women.

It was revealed in court that when Chen was arrested at his Yishun home last year, he had 507 obscene films in his possession.

Only fewer than 20 of the films were not of him.

While it is not known how many women were captured in these videos, some of them were filmed surreptitiously.

In those cases, he concealed his video camera in a plastic bag with a slit to film them.

Housebreaking

In two of his housebreaking incidents, Chen duplicated his former clients’ house keys and broke into their homes about a year later.

He stole items from their homes, including their cheque books.

He then practised signing their signatures before forging their cheques.

Chen then got passers-by to cash these cheques for him, giving each passer-by a \$500 reward.

During his four-year crime spree, he gained about \$171,770 by stealing or cheating. He has returned only \$1,500 so far.

For possessing the obscene films, Chen faces up to six months’ jail and a \$20,000 fine.

For each charge of forgery, housebreaking and unlawfully possessing someone else’s identity card, Chen faces up to 10 years’ jail and a fine.

For criminal breach of trust, he faces up to seven years’ jail and a fine.



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