

**THE SWAINES ARE BACK – AGAIN !**

One of the most frequent visitors to the High Court of the Hongkong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) of the People's Republic of China (PRC) has been sued, once more.

He is Mr John Joseph Swaine, who is the 44-year-old son of Mr John Swaine S.C. (Senior Counsel).

According to Provost Estates Ltd, Mr John Joseph Swaine and Fatima Gwendoline Jorge Swaine, both of whom are said to reside at House Number 5, Kwok Hing Village, Number 22, Tsing Tai Road, Siu Lam, New Territories, the HKSAR, issued a cheque in the amount of \$HK165,996.83, drawn on Standard Chartered Bank and dated June 1, 2003.

However, when the cheque was presented for payment, *'it was dishonoured and returned to the Plaintiff* (Provost Estates Ltd) *marked "PAYT CONTERMANDED THE DRAWER" ...*'. (Statement of Claim, attached to District Court Action, Number 3863)

When the Swaines were asked to make good their purported commitment to Provost Estates, it did not produce the desired effect ... hence the filing of the District Court Action.

The last time that **TARGET** wrote about Mr John Joseph Swaine was in [TARGET Intelligence Report, Volume V, Number 48](#), in a report, headlined: **BANKERS LOOK TO THE LEGAL PROFESSION : CAN THESE PEOPLE BE TRUSTED ?**

In that report, **TARGET** explained how, many bankers of the HKSAR are very wary in lending money to members of the legal profession of the territory – because, in many cases, they have been found as wanting as any other layman.

And in some cases, the actions of solicitors and barristers have been scurrilous.

The final portion of this report deals with Mr John Joseph Swaine, stating, inter alia:

*'Lastly, over the past 6 years or so, the HKSAR solicitor, Mr John Joseph Edward Swaine, has been sued, quite regularly, from allegations of not paying rent on his residence in the New Territories, to not paying his tax to The Commissioner of Inland Revenue of Hongkong (about \$HK469,375), to failing to honour a hire-purchase agreement (\$HK100,282.87).*

*'In fact, of all the resident solicitors of the HKSAR, Mr John Joseph Edward Swaine has been sued the most and the most frequently, on a consistent basis ...* '.

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