

Investigation reveals fugitive Guo Wengui's lies

A police investigation found that Guo Wengui, one of China's most-wanted fugitive, had knowingly used fabricated and distorted information to mislead the public.

According to Chinese police, Chen Xiangjun, 43, who has been unemployed since junior high school, and Zong Zuoling 32, also currently unemployed, confessed that they had offered to give Guo fake information in exchange for money.

Last month, Guo claimed that a relative of a high-level official in China controls 20 trillion yuan (about 3 trillion U.S. dollars) in assets at different firms.

It turned out that Guo's so-called "proof from senior officials" was all fake business data created by Chen, who received 50,000 yuan in payment for the information.

"I sent him fake information to win his trust, and he asked me to uncover more information on relatives of senior officials so that he could reveal it overseas," said Chen.

Guo gave out his personal social media accounts online and promised to pay informants, according to the police

Zong, who had less than five yuan in his bank account and 90,000 yuan in credit card debt when the police captured him, claimed to know the secretaries of senior officials.

Chat records showed that Guo promised to give Zong 2 million yuan in exchange for information about Zhang Yue, a former provincial-level official in north China's Hebei Province.

"Guo told me that he was engaged in anti-graft work," said Zong. "He criticized me for not giving him accurate information, but still released the fake information I gave him."

Guo, the actual controlling shareholder of Beijing Pangu Investment and Beijing Zenith Holdings, fled China under the suspicion of multiple crimes in August 2014 and is currently listed on an Interpol "red notice" for wanted fugitives.