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\$1,500 fine for wasting time

A partner of a jewellery shop was yesterday fined \$1,500 on two counts of causing wasteful employment of the police.

Mak Kwan-chuen (34) admitted before Mr W.J. McClelland at South Kowloon Court that on January 5 he made a false report to the police that two of his gold rings were stolen during a robbery at Chung Fat Jewellery Shop of which he is a partner.

He also admitted that on the same day, he made a false report to the shop's manager,

Mr Mak Yun-wor, that three of his diamonds had been stolen in the same robbery.

The rings and diamonds were said to be worth about \$165,000.

About 11 am on January 5, four men attempted to rob the shop.

Three of them were arrested at the scene by police while the fourth escaped.

Mak, who was present during the robbery, later told the manager that three diamonds which he had put in the company's safe had been stolen.

The manager then made a report to the police to this effect.

Mak himself later told police that two of his rings were taken during the robbery.

A detective sergeant searched Mak and one of the allegedly stolen diamonds was found in his wallet.

That night Mak's home was searched and the two rings which he had reported stolen were found.