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Ex-Citi exec fined \$70k for data theft

A RELATIONSHIP manager has become the fifth former Citibank employee to be convicted of extracting confidential information about the bank and its clients from its computer database.

Jelene Lee Kit Peng, 35, currently unemployed, was fined a total of \$70,000 yesterday by District Judge Jasvender Kaur.

The court heard that Lee had compiled information pertaining to 239 Citibank customers while working at the bank's Orchard Road branch.

Yesterday, the mother of three pleaded guilty to 10 counts of accessing the bank's computer database and gleaning information belonging to the bank between July 1 and July 5, 2006.

She then e-mailed the cus-

tomers information from her Citigroup account to her husband's personal e-mail account, despite knowing she was not supposed to do so.

This occurred soon after she had accepted a job offer from rival bank UBS to join her former boss, Jonathan Seah Thiam Heng, as a corporate adviser on his team there.

Seah's case is pending.

Lee's services were terminated by Citibank on July 11 that year, days before she was due to leave, after the bank discovered what she had done.

A further 229 charges were taken into consideration.

Lee could have been fined up to \$100,000 and/or jailed for up to 20 years on each charge.

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