

As the investigation got underway, a seafood import and export company in Shandong became a primary suspect.

Manipulated behind the scenes by a man surnamed Wang, the corporation had branch companies in Shandong, Fujian, Liaoning and Guangxi provinces. There was also a branch in the U.S.

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Inspector Li Fudong figured that, in order to avoid sanctions, Wang stayed in the U.S. year round. All of the business's contacts were handled by the U.S. branch. After receiving payments, domestic companies transferred the money abroad via underground money exchangers.

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On June 24, Wang was captured by police in Penglai Airport. Meanwhile, customs officials stopped the other suspects in Shandong, Fujian, Guangxi and Liaoning.

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Additionally, inspectors found that the seafood came into China via a detour in Vietnam, as the smugglers were trying to avoid duty and quarantines. Some of the seafood also came from Fukushima, Japan.

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After the 2011 earthquake, Fukushima was polluted by nuclear radiation. Almost all countries therefore forbade the importation of seafood from Fukushima. Even local residents don't eat it. Thus, the price of upscale seafood from Fukushima dropped precipitously.

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Li explained that the smugglers gathered the commodities in Hokkaido. They then transported the seafood to Fangchenggang city of Guangxi and Shandong province.

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