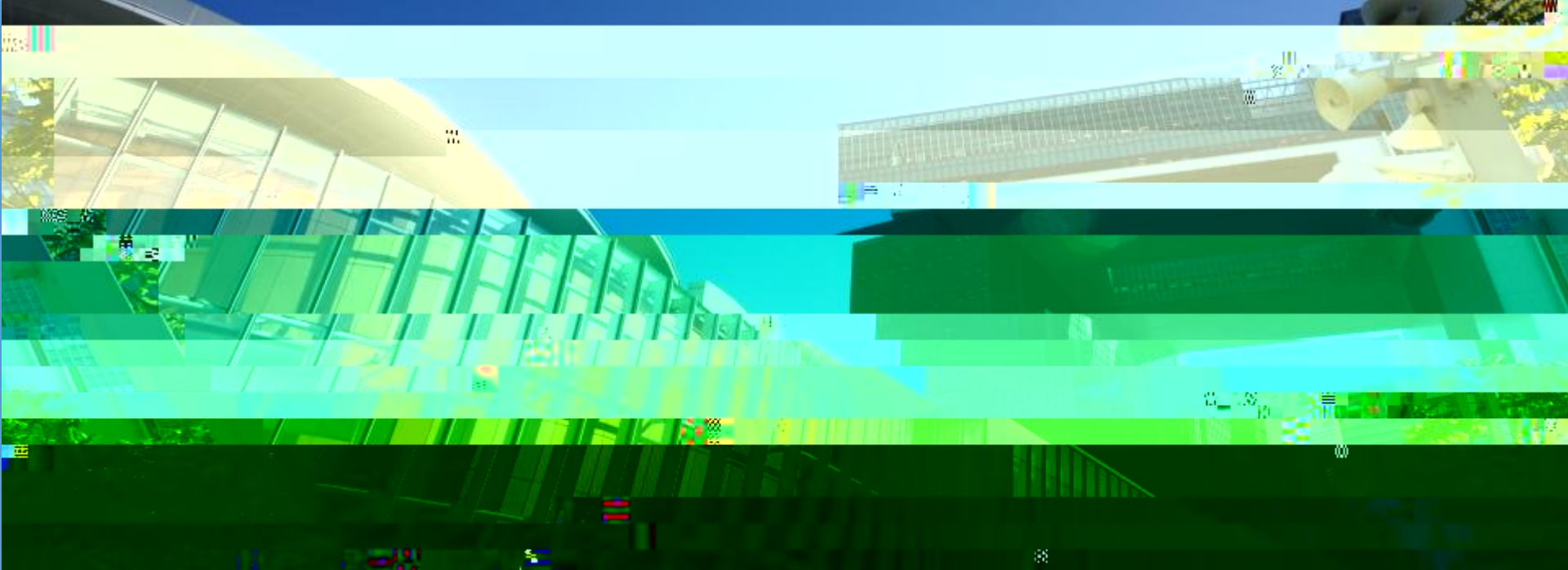




Suspicious Transaction Reporting

Legal obligations, trend analysis and case study

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Any person

- **Knowing** or **having reasonable grounds to believe**
- Any property
- In whole or in part directly or indirectly represents **proceeds of drug trafficking / indicatable offence**
- **Deals with the property**

Maximum Penalty:

- **HKD 5 Million fine**
- **14 years' imprisonment**

Key Legislation

Any person shall not

- **Provide** or **collect** directly or indirectly
- Any property
- **With the intention that the property be used or knowing that the property will be used**
- In whole or in part to commit **one or more terrorist acts**

Maximum Penalty:

- 14 years' imprisonment

Key Legislation

Any person

- **Knows** or **suspects**
- Any property **represents / was used / is intended to be used in connection with the proceeds of drug trafficking or terrorist property**
- Should **disclose** that knowledge or suspicion to **an authorized officer (i.e. JFIU)**

Maximum Penalty:

- **Level 5 fine (HKD 50,000)**
- **3 months' imprisonment**



Key Legislation

Where a person

- **Knows** or **suspects** that a disclosure has been made
- The person **shall not disclose to another person** any matter
- Which is **likely to prejudice any investigation** which might be conducted following that first-mentioned disclosure

Maximum Penalty:

- **HKD 500,000 fine**
- **3 years' imprisonment**





STR Mechanism



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Recommended Structure of STR



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Recommended Structure of STR Narrative

1) Triggering Factors

Involved crimes (fraud/corruption/sanctions/terrorist acts, etc.)

Warrants/court orders received

Open source information (news/list of regulatory agencies, etc.)

Pattern of suspicious transactions (large transactions/temporary repository of fund, etc.)

2) Background of Subject(s)

Personal: Age, occupation, income, transaction history, etc.

Corporate: Date of establishment, business nature, expected transaction amount, etc.

Recommended Structure of STR Narrative

3) Transactions

Reviewed period

Fund movement pattern (sudden change?)

Total amount deposited/withdrawn

Suspicious transactions (Not limited to transactions of large amount/frequent transactions)

Pattern of suspicious transactions

Recommended Structure of STR Narrative

4)



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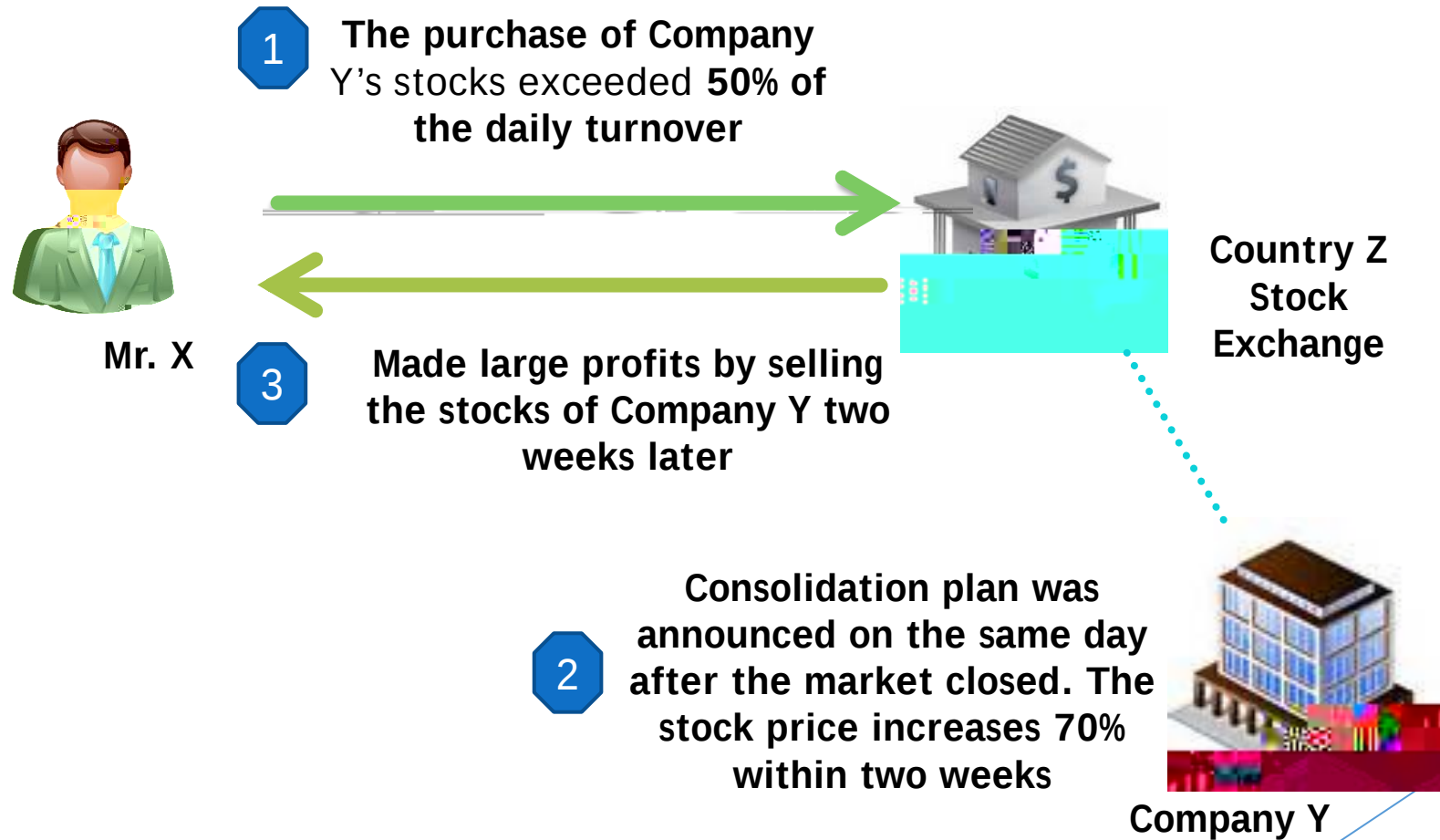
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Case Study



Case Study 1 ò Insider Dealings



Suspicious Activity Indicator

Unusual large-volume trading

The purchasing behavior does not match with the client's investment portfolio ò Mr. X never trade stocks listed in Country Z's stock exchange

The trading took place around the same time when market-sensitive information was announced



Case Study 2 - Insider Dealings

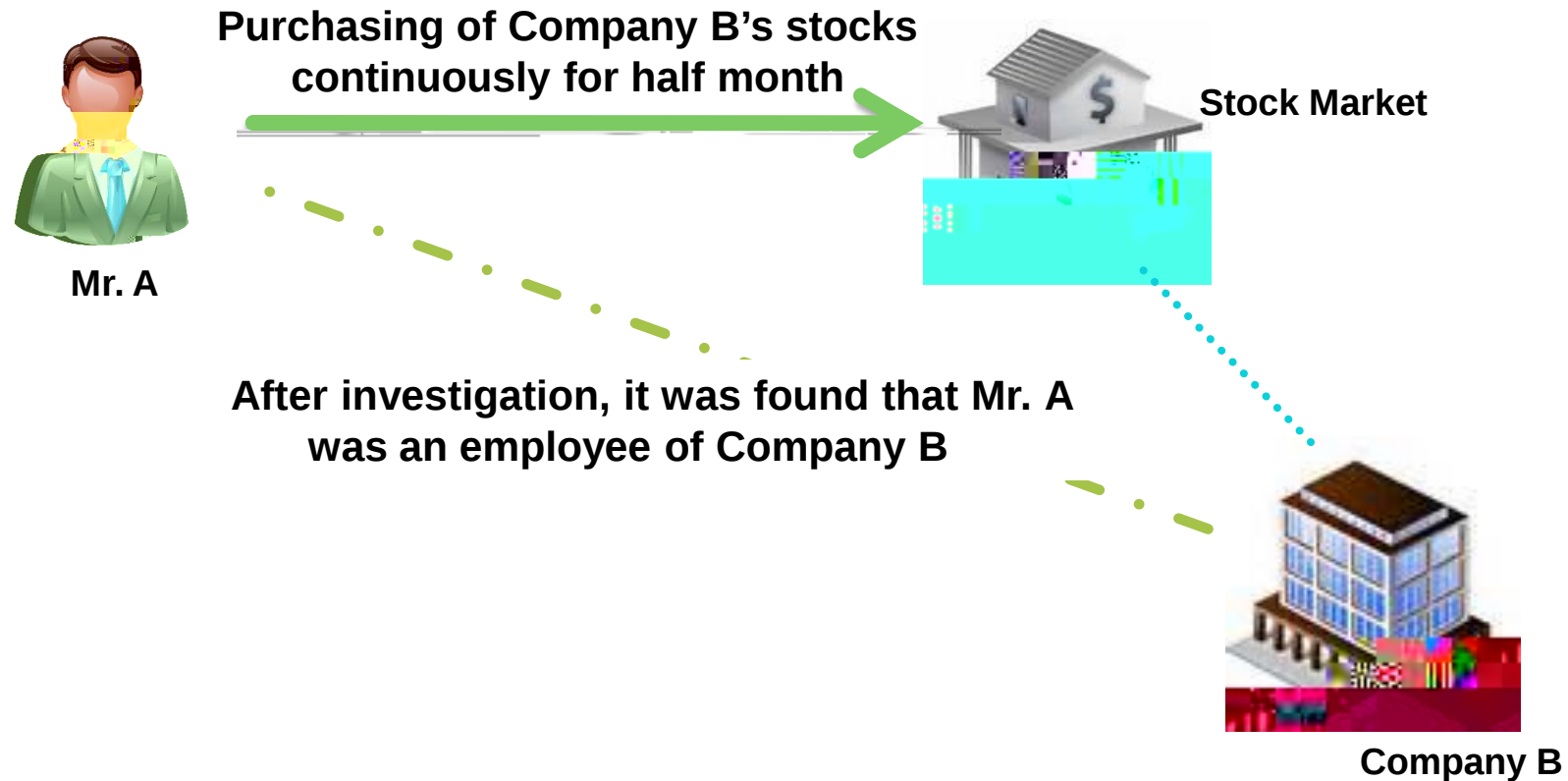
Suspicious Activity Indicator

Deposit of money from third party, the transfer of money from Mr. Y to Mr. X's security account is dubious

Mr. Y had close connection with Company A, he might have obtained insider information

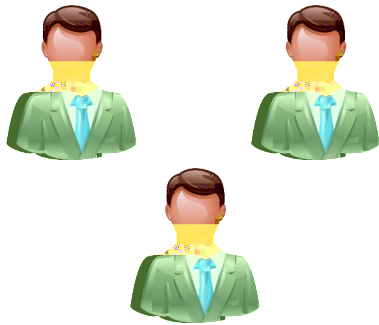
First occasion of purchasing Company A's stock, the purchase is shortly before its favorable announcement

Case Study 3 ò Market Manipulations





Case Study 4 ò Market Manipulations



Three separate clients of security firm X, they shared the same contact number and IP address

**Frequent trading of Stock Y,
Three accounts placed similar price and quantities**



Stock Market

Case Study 4 - Market Manipulations

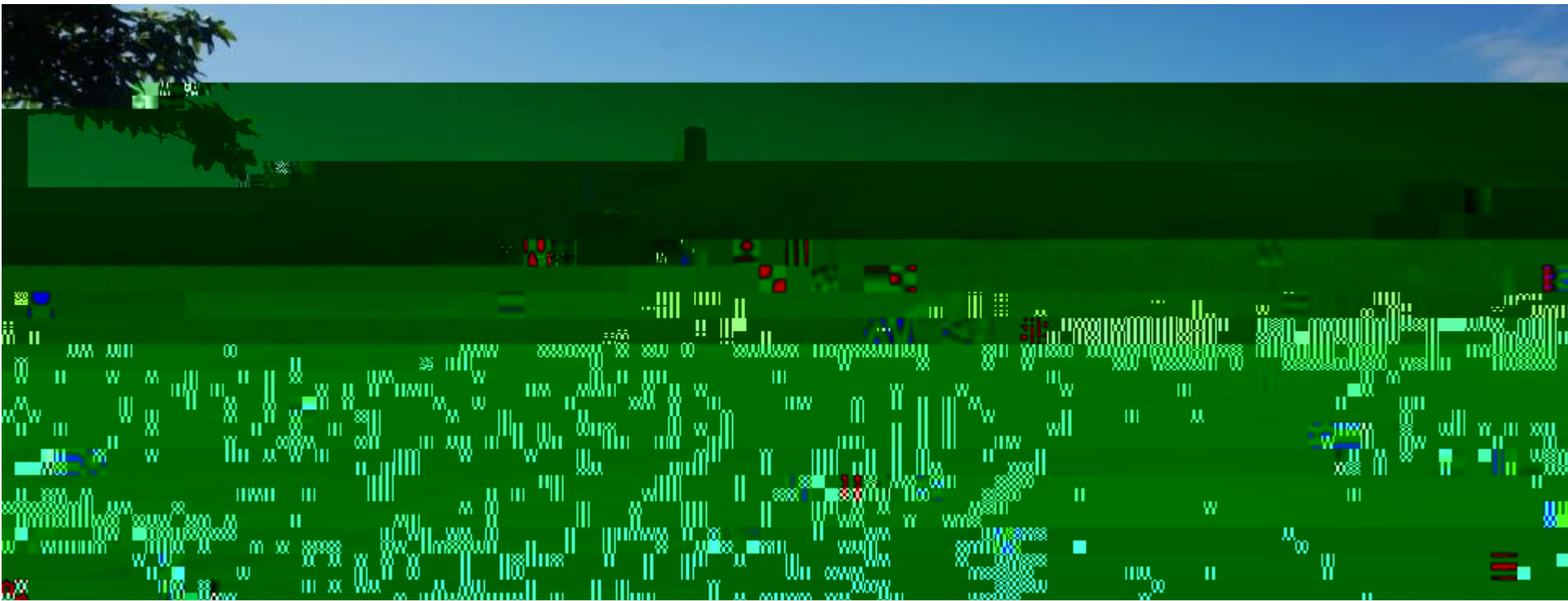
Suspicious Activity Indicator

Purchase price is higher than normal

Pattern of High Buy but Low Sell

Sources of fund of the three individuals were in doubt

The three individuals shared the same contact number and IP address indicating their accounts were controlled by the same gang



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