



Press Release

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Yilan Prosecutors Office's Investigations on Yilan Immigration Detention Center

Prosecutor's Request for Detention of 4 Defendants Approved

The four defendants detained -- including Mr. Tsai, Mr. Lin and Mr. Ho, security guards of Yilan Immigration Detention Center, and Ms. Yau (Mr. Tsai's spouse) -- were all suspected of taking advantage of their official position to obtain property, which constitutes a violation of Anti-Corruption Act. The National Immigration Agency initially received the intelligence and reported the Agency against Corruption. The Yilan District Prosecutors Office took charge in the investigations with agents of the Agency against Corruption. With warrants issued by the Yilan District Court, Prosecutor Ming-Ju Tsai of our Office led the investigation team to execute search warrants at Mr. Tsai's place and the Yilan Immigration Detention Center at 6:30 a.m. of 29th June 2023. Cash amounted to NT\$ 70,000, notebooks and banking materials were seized accordingly. Mr. Lin and Mr. Ho's places were additionally searched on the same date

After thorough interrogations, the prosecutor opined that the four defendants were suspected of fraudulently making others to deliver personal property or a third person's property under cover of legal authority, which violates Sub-paragraph 2, Paragraph 1, Article 5 of the Anti-Corruption Act. Additionally, the four defendants were also suspected of demanding bribes by acts against their official duties, which violates Sub-paragraph 5, Paragraph 1, Article 4 of the Anti-Corruption Act. Besides their corruption acts, the four defendants were accused of laundering their proceeds of crimes and therefore it is also a violation of Paragraph 1, Article 14 of the Money Laundering

Control Act.

The prosecutor therefore requested for detaining the four defendants due to the facts that their crimes committed were significant, and that there is sufficient evidence to demonstrate the possibilities of not only colluding witnesses but also destroying evidence, and that there are sufficient facts to support the concern of their absconding. After interrogations, the judge ruled that the four defendants shall be detained and prohibited from meeting at 5:30 p.m. of 30th June 2023.