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[Four Police officers of Nanrong Rd. Police Station were Indicted and Demanded a Sentence of Thirteen Years in Prison for Corruption]

Our prosecutor, Yong-Zhen Xiao, instructed Keelung City Police Bureau to investigate allegations of corruption involving three police officers (Chang, Chou, and Su) from Nanrong Rd. Police Station and police officer Huang from Badu Police Station, Third Precinct of Keelung City Police Bureau. Police officer Chang, Chou, Su, and Huang conspired with four citizens (Yu, Chiang, Lin, and Huang), acquiring illegal benefits through the opportunities of investigating drug-related crimes. After four months of intense investigation, the investigation process finalized on May 31, 2021. Four police officers and four citizens were indicted with misappropriating private property, seeking unlawful gains, and destruction of evidence under Article 6, Paragraph 1, Subparagraph 3 and 4 of Anti-Corruption Act, and Article 165 of Criminal Law. Police officer Chang and citizen Yu were demanded a sentence of thirteen and fourteen years in prison respectively, and our prosecutor suggested the court to continue the detention. The fact of their offenses are as follows:

I. Double-Crossed Drug Dealers to Misappropriate and Destroy Seized Drugs

Police officer Chang was well acquainted with Yu before he became a police officer. To make money, the two planned to double-cross drug dealers. Yu lured the drug dealer out, pretending that he wanted to buy drugs. Once the drug dealer brought drugs to Yu, police officer Chang and other involved police officers represented their police identities, seizing and misappropriating the drugs. Those police officers then cooperated with the people Yu appointed to substitute and mix the drugs, giving the seized drugs to Yu and shared the illegal benefits. They double-crossed drug dealers for three times.

II. Double-Crossed Scam Gangs to Seek Unlawful Gains and Destroy the Crime Income.

Yu and Chiang learned that their friend Lai, a member of scam gang had demands to borrow bank accounts to withdraw crime income on January 28, 2021. Yu and Chiang thus planned to double-cross Lai, snatching his crime income. They invited Chiang's friends, citizen Huang, police officer Chang and Huang to involve jointly. The scam gang which Lai belonged to later deceived the victim Kuo to transfer 600 thousand New Taiwan Dollar to an unknown account on February 4, 2021. Afterwards, Lai instructed citizen Huang to go to a bank in Wanhua district, Taipei city to withdraw the 1 million and 200 thousand New Taiwan Dollar crime income transferred by Kuo and other victims. After citizen Huang withdrew the money, putting it into

a black plastic bag and walked out the bank, police officer Chang and Huang, who had been waiting aside then represented their police identities and pretended to interrogate citizen Huang. Citizen Huang were searched for few ketamine (a category 3 substance) which were prepared beforehand according to their plan, being arrested as a person in flagrante delicto of possessing drugs. Police officer Chang and Huang disguised that they had seized the drugs and crime income by bringing citizen Huang and the black plastic bag with 1 million and 200 thousand New Taiwan Dollar into their car. Police officer Chang next informed the unwitting police officer from Shanzaihou Police Station, Shilin Precinct, Taipei City Police Department to come to investigate the case that citizen Huang possessing drugs. After that, police officer Huang took 29 thousand, police officer Chang took at least 170 thousand New Taiwan Dollar from the black plastic bag first, putting the rest of the money into a locker in a Sauna in Songsang district, Taipei city, and Yu went to the Sauna to take the money.

III. Our Prosecutor's Consideration

A. Police officer Chang was responsible for crime investigation, he ought to remain incorruptible and law-abiding. However, he illegally misappropriated the drugs he had possessed on account of his position, snatching crime income from scam gangs, seeking unlawful gains. What was worse, he concealed and destroyed evidence related to drug dealers. His behavior seriously damaged the reputation of police. Moreover, he denied the offences he committed and attempted to shirk his

responsibilities. Considering police officer Chang's bad attitude towards his behavior, our prosecutor demanded the court to pronounce him a sentence of thirteen years in prison.

B. Yu did not gain profits through a proper way. Instead, he double-crossed others and conspired with several police officers including Chang. What he had done were malicious, and he denied the offences he committed, attempting to mislead the investigation direction. He had no regret and did not return the crime income. Considering Yu's bad attitude towards his behavior, our prosecutor demanded the court to pronounce him a sentence of fourteen years in prison.

C. Police officer Huang and Chou were responsible for crime investigation, they ought to remain incorruptible and law-abiding. Their behaviors in this case were inappropriate. Nevertheless, they presented positive attitudes when cooperating with our prosecutor during the investigation process, providing clues for advanced investigating. Considering police officer Huang and Chou were regretful towards their behaviors, our prosecutor demanded the court to pronounce a lenient sentence.