

Taiwan Keelung District Prosecutors Office



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Keelung District Prosecutors' Office crackdown on Lin, Chief of Village candidate, under suspicion of vote buying. Motion to detain Lin filed by prosecutor and granted by the Keelung District court.

Prosecutor何治蕙, Keelung District Prosecutors' Office led law enforcement agencies conducted an investigation on Lin, Keelung City Zhong Zhen district Chief of Village candidate. Lin and several others are under suspicion of election fraud and violating the Civil Servants Election and Recall Act. Post questioning, the office strongly suspected Lin of committing said offenses, filing a motion to detain Lin which was granted by the court. Another co-offender named Lin posted bail at NT \$30,000. During the period of July (prior to Lin registering as candidate) to September (after Lin registered as candidate), Lin continuously offered and delivered bribes to eligible voters for the price of NT \$ 1,000 per vote, hoping to gather support for the election. Thereby committing election fraud and other criminal offenses. After days of gathering evidence, the prosecutor and police investigators issued notices to candidates, vote brokers and multiple voters involved to appear for questioning. The prosecutor filed a motion to detain the candidate after questioning, which was then granted by the court. Up to present, Keelung District Prosecutors' Office has seized two vote buying cases. Election fraud activities are identified as serious crimes, the investigation will strictly continue. Those aware of instances relating to election fraud are strongly

encouraged to file a report to investigation authorities. The prosecutor and police are to ensure the anonymity of the informant.

Informers who provide information leading to actual discoveries of election fraud cases will be paid a reporting reward. The public is encouraged to work alongside authorities to strive for fair elections, thus ensuring the integrity of our cornerstones of democracy.