

Prosecutors are asking for a tough sentence for three suspects accused of the murder of a Thai-Taiwanese couple

The Thai-Taiwanese couple's bodies were found in a vehicle trunk near THSR Taoyuan station on June 10, 2022. After receiving this report, Taiwan Taoyuan District Prosecutor Office appointed head prosecutor Liu Wenhan and prosecutor Li Peixuan to set up a task force with Criminal Investigation Bureau and Taoyuan Police Department Zhongli Precinct to investigate this homicide case. As the three suspects are both Thai nationals and flew back to Thailand, the task force, through the Ministry of Justice, requests the assistance of the government of Thailand in relation to a criminal investigation. The investigation of this case ended in September 9, 2022. The prime suspect surnamed Wang and the other two suspects was charged with homicide and abandonment of the corpses. The reason is as follows :

I . Summary of the Case

The suspect surnamed Wang, a dual national of Taiwan and Thai, recruited two other Thais to plot the death of the couple. First, Wang fabricated an excuse of checking money accounts and made an appointment with the couple at his office in New Taipei City Tucheng District. As they arrived on the evening of June 8, Wang and the other two suspects attacked them and beat them to death with steel rebar, then moved their bodies to the trunk of the victim's vehicle after wrapping them in a blanket. After that, the other two suspects stayed at the scene to clean the blood, Wang drove aforesaid vehicle to the basement parking lot of the couple's residence to clean the blood on the vehicle, and then took the elevator to their residence and changed clothes. In the early morning of the next day, Wang drove the aforesaid vehicle to the parking lot outside the THSR Taoyuan station, leaving the couple's bodies in the vehicle trunk. Wang and the other two suspects then flew back to Thailand separately.

II .The Process of the Investigation

During the investigation, Prosecutor Li Peixuan not only went to the crime scene to find out the process of the murder for several times, but also direct Criminal Investigation Bureau and Taoyuan Police Department Zhongli Precinct to check the video recordings of the relevant surveillance cameras. The task force found that the three suspects had already flown back to Thailand after killing the couple. With the assistance of the Ministry of Justice, Prosecutors immediately made requests for mutual legal assistance in criminal matters to Thailand. Thai authorities then arrested the three suspects in Thailand and provided us with the investigation reports. After an in-depth investigation, the three suspects were charged with homicide and abandonment of the corpses on September 9, 2022.

III. Asking for Sentence

Prosecutors considered that the suspect surnamed Wang had been friends with the couple for many years, there was no verbal dispute or violent provocation while he killed them, just because of the money problems. And the other two suspects who aided Wang with the murder did not know the couple at all, did it solely for money. Not to mention the fact that one of the victims was pregnant for several months, the three suspects still killed her with no mercy. Prosecutors would like to ask the court to impose the maximum penalty in accordance with the law and to deprive them of public power for life as a warning.