

# Tainan District Prosecutor's Office Concluded the Investigation of the “Fishermen from China Smuggling Class I, II, and III narcotics” Case and Filed a Public Prosecution - May 7th, 2026

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## **I. Member of the Law Force:**

This case was investigated by the Tainan Investigation Team of the Coast Guard Administration, Ocean Affairs Council, under the direction of Prosecutor SHENG-RONG, HU.

## **II. Fact about the Crime:**

China citizen fishermen SUN, WU, LI, and HOU received 100,000 RMB respectively from a unidentified person who called himself the nickname "agent". In return, SUN, WU, LI, and HOU followed the order of "agent" to smuggle prohibited items on the sea. On the September 3<sup>rd</sup> of 2025, SUN was instructed to take the role of captain of the fishing vessel "YAMA68", which was registered in East Cambodia, while WU, LI, and HOU joined the mission as the vessel crew members. The vessel "YAMA68" then set sail from Sihanoukville, East Cambodia, and stopped at "11° 26' 843" N, 101° 37' 278" E", which was in the Gulf of Thailand, at noon of the following day, in order to meet up with an unidentified vessel. After the unidentified vessel arrived the above location, 498 bags of heroin (total net weight 174,954.29 grams, purity 75.45%, total net weight 132,003.01 grams), 399 packets of marijuana (total net weight 393,987 grams), and 15 packets of nitrazepam (total net weight 14,589.7 grams, total net weight 8 grams), 724.64 grams of white powder containing methamphetamine (a Schedule II controlled substance) and 17 packets of 4-bromo-2,5-dimethoxyphenethylamine (total net weight 15,211.2 grams, of which the pure net weight of methamphetamine is 3,483.36 grams and the pure net weight of 2C-B is 9,750.37 grams) carried on that vessel were moved to the vessel "YAMA68". Crew member WU, LI, and HOU helped to hide those drugs after having those drugs on

board. SUN then continued to follow orders from "agent" and directed the fishing vessel to the location of 20°30'N, 119°00'E, which was in the Dongsha waters of Taiwan, at approximately 5:00 PM on the same day, to await night rendezvous with other vessels. However, at approximately 6:17 PM on September 13th of 2025, the fishing vessel "YAMA68" suspicious activities and showing signs of evading an on board inspection aroused the Taiwanese coast guards' attention, who happened to be patrolling the area of the sea for safety purpose at the time. Suspecting illegal activities involved, fishing vessel "YAMA68" was stopped by the Taiwanese coast guard vessel and bags of drugs on the deck removed by crew from the hold for preparation of transportation were then discovered after conducting an on-board inspection. The vessel "YAMA68" was later escorted to the Anping Commercial Port in Anping District, Tainan City, where a further thorough search was conducted. In the completion of search, Class I to Class III drugs, two satellite phones and other controlled substances were found and seized.

### **III. Article of the Law Violated:**

The actions of SUN, WU, LI, and HOU constitute the offense of transporting Class I, II, and III narcotics ( Article 4, Paragraphs 1, 2, and 3 of the Narcotics Hazard Prevention Act ) and the crime of attempted smuggling of controlled substances ( Article 2, Paragraphs 2 and 1 of the Smuggling Punishment Act ) .

### **IV. Conclusion:**

Transporting and smuggling drugs are international crimes. A large quantity of high-purity drugs was prevented from entering our country and entering the market after taking down the said crime case above. It also avoided the possibility of causing serious harm to the physical and mental health of our citizens. Taiwan Tainan District Prosecutors Office, Coast Guard Administration, along with other law enforcement agencies will relentlessly continue to monitor and investigate drug-related crimes and bring prosecutions against any persons involved in such crime in order to protect the health of our people. Any person who has malicious intent shall think twice before facilitating crime.