

New Taipei District Prosecutors Office Investigates Cross-Border Fraud Call

Center Case; Motions for Detention Incommunicado of 17 Defendants

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The Corporate Crime Unit of this Office, led by Head Prosecutor Wen-Han Liu, along with Prosecutors Yi-Fang Chen and Chia-Ling Chen, has been investigating a major fraud case. Under their direction, the International Criminal Affairs Division of the Criminal Investigation Bureau (National Police Agency, Ministry of the Interior) executed arrest warrants at Taoyuan International Airport on January 21, 2026. Following interrogations, the prosecutors determined that the 17 defendants, including a suspect named Chen ○○, are heavily suspected of violating the Fraud Crime Hazard Prevention Act and other related offenses. Due to severe risks of flight, collusion, and the risk of committing fraudulent activities again, the prosecutors filed motions for pretrial detention with scheduling restrictions (detention incommunicado), which have been granted by the Court.

The 17 defendants, including Chen ○○, are suspected of establishing a fraudulent call center in Cebu, Philippines, starting around July 2024. They utilized "fraudulent investment" schemes and other deceptive tactics to defraud the public in Taiwan. Following a coordinated effort, Taiwanese personnel dispatched abroad collaborated with Philippine law enforcement agencies to uncover the illicit operations in May 2025. Upon the deportation of the 17 defendants back to Taiwan on January 21, 2026, prosecutors immediately directed police officers to execute arrests at Taoyuan International Airport. The investigation into the entire case remains ongoing.