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On August 12, 2020, Prosecutor Chou Yi-Jun(周懿君) conducted the Northern Taiwan Administration Corps of Ministry of the Interior National Immigration Agency(NIA) and the Criminal Investigation Corps of New Taipei City Police Department(NTPD) to bust a prostitution ring operated by suspects Huang(黃), Qiu(邱), Li(李), Wei(魏) jointly. Prosecutor Chou directed police forces to search total fourteen points including prostitution studios and call-centers in Sanchong District, Banqiao District of New Taipei City, finding out Huang, Qiu, Li, Wei, other seven members of the ring, nine women on site and seizing computers, laptops, cellphones, SIM cards, account books and lease contracts.

Prosecutor Chou received suspect Qiu's case of prostitution in September 2018 and learned that there was an organized criminal group. She then conducted the Northern Taiwan Administration Corps of NIA and the Criminal Investigation Corps of NTCPD to deeply investigate and found out that suspects Huang, Qiu, Li, Wei were all involved in the operation of the crime. They arranged females into sex trade and provided three meals each day as well as necessities of sexual behaviors. To solicit clients, they set up websites and post ads on social networking sites and online chat rooms, disseminating sex trade information and arranging the sexual transaction usually performed in hotels or studios. They also directed the prostitutes to collect money from clients before or after the sex trade via LINE.

After questioning, suspect Huang was found to be under suspicion of violation of Child and Youth Sexual Exploitation Prevention Act. Prosecutor Chou thus requested the court to detain the accused. Other suspects were respectively granted a bail of range from 30,000 to 80,000 NT dollars. The Prosecutor still keeps on investigating.