

## **On the Case of the Explosives on a High-Speed Train and at the Office of a Legislator**

After receiving the information in the afternoon of April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013, that a suspected explosive had been found at a legislator's office in Tucheng District, Chief Prosecutor Tsai immediately assigned Head Prosecutor Sy, who is in charge of Serious Crimes Investigation, the responsibility to contact Tucheng Precinct of New Taipei City Police Department for the latest development. Knowing that the explosive shared the same device with the one found in the same morning on the northbound high-speed train No.616, Criminal Investigation Bureau, Railway Police Bureau, and New Taipei City Police Department instantly formed a task force led by the prosecutors of this Office to advance the investigation. Based on the evidence and the crime scene investigation, the following day came with the finding that Mr. Hu and Chu, who had both boarded an airplane at Taoyuan International Airport in the afternoon of April 12<sup>th</sup> and fled to Zhuhai City, Guangdong Province in Mainland China via Macau, were seriously involved. In the early morning of April 14<sup>th</sup>, following the request from the task force under cross-strait crime-fighting scheme, Chinese police force arrested the two suspects, who were later brought back to Taiwan at 3:45 pm on April 16<sup>th</sup>. Simultaneously, the prosecutors instructed the police to conduct searches at six places respectively in Tainan, Taichung and Changhua area. As a result, a large amount of evidence, including the materials and tools used for making explosives, was found and seized.

After overnight questioning by police and the prosecutors, Mr. Hu admitted making and planting the explosives out of his dissatisfaction with the society. In the meantime, Mr. Chu admitted that Mr. Hu instructed him to purchase a vehicle as a means of transportation by using the certificates acquired from a man surnamed Lai, who was introduced by another man surnamed Shih and took NTD 30,000 for selling the certificates. Mr. Chu also admitted that he placed the two explosives on high-speed train and the office of a legislator with the help of Mr. Hu. These two accomplices were suspected of an attempt to make explosives without permission for personal unlawful use, a violation of paragraph 6, 3, 1 of Article 7 of the Controlling Guns, Ammunition and Knives Act and an attempted murder, a violation of paragraph 2, 1 of Article 271 of Criminal Code, as well as offenses against public safety with respect to violations of Article 176, paragraph 3, 1 of Article 173, paragraph 5, 1 of Article 184, and Article 188 of Criminal Code. For the fact that some of the crimes involved are punishable with a minimum sentence of five-year imprisonment and also for the fear of fleeing as well as contaminating witnesses and

concealing or destroying evidence, the prosecutors also asked the court to issue detention orders at 6:30 am on April 17<sup>th</sup>.