

New Taipei District Prosecutors Office Directed Taoyuan County Bureau of Investigation to Seize Huge Amount of smuggled Ketamine Concealed in the Imported Conveyor Roller Sets

On March 22 and 24, 2014, the prosecutor at New Taipei District Prosecutors Office, Chao-wei Li, directed Taoyuan County Bureau of Investigation to seize about 450 kilograms of smuggled ketamine concealed in the imported conveyor rollers in Shulin District , New Taipei City, Pingtung County and Yunlin County and arrested 3 suspects picking up the drugs.

In early March 2014, Taoyuan County Bureau of Investigation had intelligence that conveyor rollers imported from Guandong, Mainland China, were over-weighted and suspected of concealing drugs. Thus, the agents reported to the prosecutor at New Taipei District Prosecutors Office, Chao-wei Li, who then conducted deeper investigation. After days of tracing evidence, the joint task force focused on three batch of cargo. On 22 march 2014, the prosecutor decided to take action and directed Taoyuan County Bureau of Investigation, Taipei City Bureau of Investigation, Kaohsiung City Bureau of Investigation, New Taipei City Bureau of Investigation, Hsinchu City Bureau of Investigation, Hsinchu County Bureau of Investigation, Keelung Station, Marine Affairs Field Office, The Third Special Police Corps and the Hsinchu Military Police to arrest one suspect receiving the first batch of cargo in Shulin District, New Taipei City and seized 200 kilograms of ketamine concealed in the conveyor rollers and wheels. The joint task force followed the lead and arrested one other accomplice. On 24 March 2014, another suspect picking up the second batch of cargo was arrested near Pingtung County Kanding interchange and 100 kilograms of ketamine were found in the conveyor rollers and wheels.

On March 23 and 25, 2014, the prosecutor applied the detention of the three suspects on suspicion of transporting and selling Category three narcotics after the interrogation. The New Taipei District Court ordered the detention of the three suspects. New Taipei District Prosecutors Office will further trace down other accomplices in order to break down the drug ring.

Combating drug abuse has become one of the most important tasks of New Taipei District Prosecutors Office. In this case, the smugglers not only concealed huge amount of drugs in the imported conveyor roller sets, but also used signal blocking devices to interfere with the investigations. Cooperation among prosecutors, police, military police and custom officers had led to the success of this operation. New Taipei District Prosecutors Office once again prevented the drugs from reaching our citizens. The prosecutors would continue commanding the associated authorities to combat drug trafficking.