

Prosecutor Office Broke Up Call-Girl Ring

In December 15th, 2015, Prosecutor Shu-Ren Zheng (鄭淑王) conducted Luzhou Precinct of New Taipei City Police Department(NTPD) and Hsinchu County Brigade of Central Taiwan Affairs Crops of National Immigration Agency of Ministry of the Interior to bust “Ai-Ma-Shi Call-Girl Ring (愛馬仕應召站)”, a prostitution ring operated by suspects He (何) and Xu (許) jointly. Prosecutor Zheng directed almost a hundred of police forces to search total nineteen points including suspects’ domiciles, prostitution suites and call-centers in Luzhou District, Sanchong District, Tamsui District of New Taipei City, Zhongshan District of Taipei City and Taichung City, finding out He, Xu, other eight members of the ring, thirteen women and five clients on site and seizing computers, cellphones, account books, register books and 180,000 TWD, which was illegal proceeds of human trafficking.

We received the information that starting in 2014, He and the ring’s members utilized the underprivileged situation of escaped foreign workers, threatening many Indonesian female workers to prostitute in several suites in Luzhou District for the purpose of profit-making. In addition, to evade police investigation, the suspects operated their business the way “one-woman brothel (一樓一鳳)”. Simultaneously, they rent dozens of suites in Taipei City and New Taipei City to arrange females into sex trade and set up call-center in Taichung City, buying an amount of ghost SIMs, which was provided to He, Xu, staffs, managers and women to communicate with others. All those factors led to the difficulty of investigation. Prosecutor Zheng and Luzhou Precinct of NTPD established panel for this case. After dozens of meetings and information collecting, apart from previously searching and asking the court to issue detention orders of other suspects Zhou (周) and Zhao (趙), who had been managers of the ring, prosecutor asked New Taipei District Court to issue interception warrant, conducting polices to implement surveillance and trailing to confirm the locations that the ring’s members use to commit crime. After several day’s ambush, Prosecutor Zheng conducted Luzhou Precinct of NTPD to make the second search at nineteen points, executing the arrest of total ten suspects encompassing He, Xu, staffs in call-center and managers. Those accomplices were suspected of an attempt to force people to have sexual intercourse against their will with the use of violence for purpose of gain, a violation of paragraph 1 of Article 231-1 of the Criminal Code and an attempt to use people’s helpless

to force them into sexual transactions for profit, a violation of paragraph 1 of Article 31 of the Human Trafficking Prevention Act. For the fact that He and Xu were strongly suspected of having committed an offence and also for the fear of fleeing as well as contaminating co-offenders or witnesses and concealing or destroying evidence, the prosecutor asked the court to issue detention orders, which was granted by the court in the early morning, December 17th, 2015. Four members of this ring so far has been detained and prohibited from the meeting, sending and receiving or seize the things received.

We aggressively investigate these criminal cases, absolutely not allowing sex business to permeate our society. Do not challenge the law. Moreover, if find any clues that someone tries to force females into intercourse, please contact police and prosecutor offices to crack down on this crime and purify our society.