



## Press Release

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## **Taiwan Pingtung District Prosecutors Office Cracks the Biggest Heroin and Amphetamines Smuggling Case in the Anti-Drug History, Weight over one ton, Blocking the Biggest Path for Drug Trafficking of the Golden Triangle**

### 1. The Beginning and Ending of the Detection

We received information from the 6th team of Kaohsiung City Police Department Criminal Investigation Corps and Pingtung Investigation Team one after another. It was said that there was a drug smuggling group using fish vessel for drug trafficking. The chief prosecutor Huang appointed prosecutor Chung to form a task force and to command Pingtung Investigation Team of Coast Guard Administration (CGA) and the 6th team of Kaohsiung City Police Department Criminal Investigation Corps to cooperate. The eight suspects were accused on August 11, 2020 and remained detention ruled by the court.

### 2. Break the Record of the Quantity of Smuggling Category One/Two Narcotics in the Anti-Drug History

The prosecutor has commanded CGA and police to collect information for over eight months. When the time came, Pingtung Investigation Team of CGA and the 6th team of Kaohsiung City Police Department Criminal Investigation Corps co-drove an anti-drug vessel and left the fishing port in Hengchun to perform onboard examination off Taiwan. At 0:25 on April 12, the prosecutor commanded CGA to dispatch coast guard vessels to inspect the suspected fishing vessel. At 23:29 on the same day, with the search warrant issued by the judge of Pingtung District Court, they brought the vessel back to the fishing port inspection office in Tunggang. After 15-hours searching, around 13:30 on April 13, 27 packs of Heroin, gross weight 384.5 kg, 1020 pieces in total, and 30 packs of Amphetamines, gross weight 610 kg, 600 packs in total, were seized in the back of the vessel. The vessel was seized, too. The suspects Huang, Huang, SUGxxx and DARxxxxx were under arrest. The prosecutor's applying for

detaining the suspects was granted by the court.

### 3. Positively Searching Four Layers of Unknown Suspects, Blocking the Biggest Path for Drug Trafficking of the Golden Triangle

#### (1) First Layer: The Captain and Crew Members in Charge of Drug Trafficking

The captain and crew members were under arrest after seizing huge amounts of narcotics. It was proved that the vessel transported narcotics off Vietnam. The prosecutor's applying for detaining the suspects Huang, Huang, SUGxxx and DARxxxxx was granted by the court.

#### (2) Second Layer: The Brokers of the Fishing Vessel Traffic

Widening the Width of Investigation, the brokers of the fishing vessel traffic Chen and Huang were under arrest on April 28, 2020. The prosecutor's applying for detaining the suspects Chen and Huang was granted by the court.

#### (3) Third Layer: The Narcotics Broker

After analyzing information and ambush with the supervisor, the narcotics broker Chen who was also in charge of narcotics trafficking was uncovered and under arrest on May 2, 2020. The prosecutor's applying for detaining the suspect Chen was granted by the court.

#### (4) Fourth Layer: The Chief of the Narcotics Smuggling Group

After continuously searching, the hidden chief suspect Huang who was familiar with drug smuggling in Southeast Asia and arrangements for huge amounts of drug smuggling was uncovered. After multi-phases of monitoring, he was under arrest on Zhongshan Rd., Hengchun Township on June 8, 2020. The prosecutor's applying for detaining the suspect was granted by the court.

### 4. The Case Manifest the Important Anti- Narcotics Strategies

The Heroin seized in the case is enough for 40 million people to use and the Amphetamines seized is enough for 60 million people to use. The market value is over ten billion NTD. It does not only breaks the record of anti-narcotics in Taiwan but also fulfills and manifests several our important anti- narcotics strategies.

#### (1) Science and Technology Investigation

Lots of data from Anti-drug Database and investigation equipment was used to analyze and position, effectively grasping information and whereabouts of the suspects.

#### (2) Regional Integrated Defense

The prosecutor commanded two police agencies to cooperate, share information, divide the investigation work and set a good model of inter-agency cooperation

#### (3) Uncover Hidden Suspects

The captain and crew members in charge of drug trafficking were under arrest at first. Then the brokers of the fishing vessel traffic and the narcotics were seized one after another. Finally the chief of the narcotics smuggling group was captured.

(4) The Seized Property Sold for Value by Prosecutors Office

The seized vessel were sold for their value by Prosecutors Office. The criminals' profits were deprived thoroughly.

(5) Fulfilment of the Not-to-Be-Made Public Procedures

We fulfilled the not-to-be-made public procedures from the beginning of the case uncovered on April 12, 2020, through four-months of investigating the hidden suspects till the press release.

