

## Press Release



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### **Taiwan Pingtung District Prosecutors Office investigates the case of robbery and rape at Chaozhou Railway Station and the detention order is granted by the court**

On the morning of February 7, 2022, we received the report from the Chaozhou branch of the Pingtung County Government Police Bureau. The report pointed out that the defendant Luo was suspected of robbery and forced sex with a knife near Pingtung Chaozhou Railway Station at about 21:29 on February 6, 2022. Our chief prosecutor Zhang immediately assigned head prosecutor Wei and prosecutor Ye to set up a task force to direct Chaozhou Branch to investigate, and immediately arrested the defendant on the next day.

According to the investigation report, the defendant Luo was suspected of riding a motorcycle with a knife through the back station of Chaozhou Railway Station in Pingtung County. He saw the victim sitting at the stairs outside the store. He parked the motorcycle nearby and held the knife for the purpose of his illegal possession. He approached the girl on foot. Then he held the knife against the head of the victim and ordered the victim to stand up to control her movements. He ordered the victim to go to the nearby open space and put the knife against the neck of the victim in a violent way. As a result, the victim couldn't resist, so she handed over money to the defendant Luo. The defendant Luo saw the victim alone and intended to commit rape. He used the knife to order the victim to give oral sex and he inserted finger into the vagina of the victim. The defendant Luo punched the victim's face and shoulders, and stabbed her in the neck with a knife when she tried to escape. Luo then got on the motorcycle and left the

scene immediately. The victim immediately called her mother to the scene, and her mother took her to the hospital and called the police. The police asked our office for directing the investigation on the next day. Finally, Luo was arrested at the residence of his friend that day.

From the afternoon of February 7, 2022, the prosecutor in charge successively summoned relevant witnesses to the office in order to clear the case. After the prosecutor's interrogation was completed at 11:00 a.m. on the next (8) day, the prosecutor applied to the Pingtung District Court of Taiwan for detention and injunction order because the penalty for the crime committed was a minimum of five-year imprisonment, and there was sufficient reason to support the concern for absconding; destroying, fabricating or altering evidence; or colluding with accomplices or witnesses. The defendant Luo was suspected of committing a

serious crime of forcing the victim to commit sexual intercourse under Subparagraph 2, Item 2, Article 332, of the Criminal Code. The prosecutor in charge also attended the court, so the judge of the Pingtung District Court granted the detention order. The case investigation is still ongoing.