

Hualien District Prosecutors Office Press Release



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The Hualien District Prosecutors Office provides the following statement regarding the investigation of a homicide and abandonment of a corpse case involving three defendants, including Yang ○○.

The Hualien District Prosecutors Office received a report from the Criminal Police Brigade of the Hualien County Police Department and the Jian Precinct of the Hualien County Police Department regarding the disappearance of the victim, Yang ○○, who had been reported missing for several days by their family. Upon receiving this report, Chief Prosecutor Chen Chia-Hsiu placed great importance on the case and immediately assigned prosecutors to form a special task force. After reviewing surveillance footage and conducting extensive searches in the mountains, law enforcement officers successfully located the victim's body on the morning of February 10, 2024, in a remote mountainous area along an industrial road slope in Jian Township, Hualien County. Subsequently, three suspects—Yang ○○, Chen ○○ (both arrested on-site), and Lin ○○ (taken into custody under a warrant)—were identified and apprehended.

Following interrogations by the prosecutors, it was determined that:

Defendants Yang ○○ and Lin ○○ were suspected of committing homicide under Article 271, Paragraph 1 of the Criminal Code, evidence destruction under Article 165, and abandonment of a corpse under Article 247, Paragraph 1. Due to the severity of these crimes, the risk of collusion with co-conspirators or witnesses, and the possibility of flight, detention was deemed necessary. These offenses carry a minimum sentence of five years in prison.

Defendant Chen ○○ was suspected of evidence destruction under Article 165 and abandonment of a corpse under Article 247, Paragraph 1 of the Criminal Code. Due to concerns over collusion with co-conspirators and witnesses, detention was also deemed necessary.

Given the severity of the charges and the risk factors involved, the Hualien District Prosecutors Office submitted a petition to the Taiwan Hualien District Court requesting pre-trial detention without visitation for all three defendants. After a court hearing in which the prosecutors presented their arguments, the court ruled to detain Yang ○○ and Lin ○○ without visitation, while Chen ○○ was released on bail of NT\$150,000 with a restriction on residence.

Following this serious criminal case, the Hualien Branch of the Association for Victims Support was immediately notified to activate the "Companion Program" to provide support to the victim's family. During the prosecutor's examination of the victim's body, representatives from the program accompanied the family and provided necessary legal and other related assistance to safeguard their rights.