



Press Release

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The investigation of the case(case number : 106 TA 12916) over the violation of prosecutorial secrecy has been finalized. The chief prosecutor of Taiwan Taipei District Prosecutors Office, Mr. Shing Tai-Chao, and the head prosecutor, Mr. Wang Hsing-Chien were alleged by the former president Ma Ying-Jeon to have leaked the confidential information after the interrogation of Mr. Ma on the sale of KMT assets at November 29, 2017. Here are some takeaways from the leakgae case results.

During the investigation, several journalists reportedly to have used the confidential information in respective stories were summoned as witnesses about their sources. All testified that given the disputes of the sale of KMT assets have been investigated by different courts and prosecutors offices over the years, numerous officials were involved. As the professional reporters and long-time followers of the controversial issues, they have a wide range of sources. Under the freedom of press and journalistic ethics, the witnesses did not reveal their exact sources. However, all of them testified under oath that the relating information was acquired from people other than the two defendants or staffers from our office.

In addition, relevant evidences such as the interrogations and depositions of Mr. Ma Ying-Jeon, Wang Hai-Ching, Chang Che-Chen, Tsai

Cheng-Yuan and other witnesses and transcripts of recordings from the case of the sale of KMT assets were collected after its indictment was unsealed, to cross-reference with the news reports. Many significant dissimilarities are identified. Furthermore, no suspicious contact was found between the defendants and other alleged persons after investigating into contact records around the possible dates of the alleged leakage. The findings are consistent with the testimonies aforementioned. In short, there is no sufficient evidence to prove the two defendants and officials involved in the investigation have any misconduct regarding to the alleged leakage.

Some press tend to use opening phrases, such as "the prosecutors found", "it is believed by the prosecutors", "prosecutors suspect that" or "prosecutors may", to establish the credibility of their reports. However, those phrases do not always comport with the facts. Substantial precedents have been detailed in our press release in February 8, 2018.

In conclusion, pursuant to the point 3, paragraph 5 and point 10 of Guidelines for Investigation of Preliminary Cases (TA-type Cases) for High Prosecutors Office and District Prosecutors Offices, this case is closed.