



## Press Release

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### **Indictment of drug smuggling and possession of bullet**

Defendant Yeh and the other three accomplices, including Yang, Liao, and Wang, attempted to transport and export 50 packs of Amphetamines-category two narcotics (net weigh: 52,208g, purity: 95.44%, pure weigh: 47,741.07g) by shipping cargo. After investigation, our office indicted four of them for transportation of category two narcotics, pursuant to Article 4(2) of Narcotics Hazard Prevention Act (hereinafter "NHPA"), and for attempting illegal exportation of controlled articles, pursuant to Article 2(2), Article 1 of The Smuggling Penalty Act (hereinafter "TSPA"), in March, 2017. Defendant Yeh and Wang, having transported and exported 200 blocks of Cocaine-category one narcotics (net weigh: 203,538.83g, pure weigh: 177,845.86g) by shipping cargo, are prosecuted for transportation of category one narcotics, pursuant to Article 4(1) of NHPA ,and illegal exportation of controlled articles, pursuant to Article 2(1)of TSPA.

Defendant Yang is charged for another crime as illegal possession of bullet by knowingly possessing 20 pieces of bullet, pursuant to Article 12(4) of Controlling Guns, Ammunition and Knives Act.

According to the investigation, Yeh and Wang had known that cocaine is regulated as category one narcotics and controlled

article according to NHPA and TSPA, but decided to conceal 200 packs of cocaine in 30 boxes of lead-acid battery for automobile use. They shipped those batteries in cargo heading from Santos of Brazil to Kaohsiung of Taiwan, via Busan of Korea. After picking up those disguised batteries in Taiwan, they planned to ship those batteries to Australia. While waiting for the shipping to Australia, prosecutors of our office directed investigators of the Investigation Bureau of Ministry of Justice to raid on defendant Yang's residence on December 1 and confiscated crime proceeds for 2.2 million NTD. Another raid aimed at Pier 74 of Kaohsiung Harbor and confiscated the 200 packs of cocaine on December 2, 2016. A follow-up raid to defendant Yeh's residence and company confiscated documents, computer, and mobile on December 8. As further looking into defendant Yeh's bank accounts, prosecutor discovered more crime proceeds and therefore confiscated the money. The total crime proceeds amount to NTD \$2,200,000 in cash and NTD \$13,830,000 in the financial accounts.

This case involves the most quantity of confiscated cocaine in history. If the crimes proceeded without intervention, defendant Yeh and Wang would have sold them for 1.2 billion NTD in Australia and have benefitted for 0.6 billion NTD. Prosecutor, considering the devastation of the crime, the total crime proceeds, and the confession attitude of defendant Yang and Liao, demanded Court to sentence defendant Yeh and Wang for life imprisonment, and to sentence defendant Yang and Liao for 13 years and 8 years imprisonment respectively.