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Investigation on W Hotel Drug Party Death Case Concluded on February 22, 2017

Case Summary

On December 2, 2016, Mr. Chu rented a VIP suite on the 25th floor of the W Hotel for five days and invited Mr. Hung, Mr. Tsai, and other acquaintances of Mr. Chu to the drug-and-alcohol-fueled party. They then contacted Mr. Chiang and other male friends who invited several female acquaintances to the party. Upon their arrival, Mr. Chu provided cocktails, chew gums, and coffee powders which include at least 10 different kinds of Category Two & Three narcotics, counterfeit, and prohibited drugs. Invited by Mr. Hung, Victim Kuo and several other female participants later arrived on midnight of December 4, 2016. Mr. Chu, Mr. Hung, and Mr. Tsai not only kept providing all participants with aforementioned drugs and narcotics, but also requested Chiang for more MDMA, narcotic coffee powders, and Ketamine. By midnight of December 6, 2016, victim Kuo had been nonstop consuming drugs and narcotics mixed with cocktails and beverages for more than 40 hours. While Mr. Chu, Mr. Hung, and Mr. Tsai were fully aware of this, Mr. Chu chose to overlook the fact but still requesting for more drugs including Ketamine and narcotic coffee powders. At around 4:00 a.m. of December 7, 2016, victim Kuo lost her consciousness due to multiple drugs and narcotics

overdose. Instead of sending **victim** Kuo to a hospital **immediately**, **Mr.** Hung and Mr. Tsai summoned Wu, an unlicensed physician, to the hotel suite to inject “detoxification shots” for **victim** Kuo. **Victim** Kuo was later carried out **unconsciously** by Hung and Tsai into a taxi to Cathay General Hospital at 10:00, and was later transferred to Taipei Veterans General Hospital at 12:00. **Victim** Kuo was declared dead due to drug overdose on the evening of the same day.

The Prosecutors Office concluded the investigation and indicted Chu, Hung, and Tsai on conspiracy of counterfeit **or** prohibited drug transfer and counterfeit **or** prohibited drug transfer resulting in personal death. Drug dealers Chang and Chiang were both indicted on selling Category **Two and Three** narcotics to Chu and to the party participants. Chang was also indicted on the attempt of selling Category **Three** narcotics.

Mr. Chen, one of the partygoers who hid victim Kuo’s mobile phone and disposed drugs and narcotic coffee powders afterwards, was indicted on concealing evidence in the present case.

Sentencing Recommendation

Our Office recommends **Court to sentence** Mr. Chu, Mr. Hung, and Mr. Tsai’s **for** 12 years, 11 years and 6 months, 11 years of imprisonment respectively for their violation of the Narcotics Hazard Prevention Act and **for attempting to cover up the crime in violation of the Criminal Law.** **Our** Office also recommends **Court to sentence other suspects including the drug dealer for 7 to 8 years imprisonment.**

Conclusion

Our Office would like to express the gratitude for **joint operation from** the Drug Enforcement Center of Criminal Investigation Division, Taipei City Police Department (臺北市刑大毒品查緝中心), Xinyi District Police Precinct (信義分局), and Sanchangli Police Station (三張犁派出所).

To ensure public safety and crack down on the use of counterfeit **or** prohibited drugs and narcotics, **Our** Office is conducting further investigation on the source of drug and narcotics in the present case. **Our** Office also urges the public to wary of drugs hidden under the cover of unknown coffee powder or other packaged sweets and instant drinks.