



偵破跨國走私 252 公斤 K 他命毒品案

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壹、案情概要

本案源自本署檢察官曾益盛，指揮海巡署台北機動查緝隊（下稱台北查緝隊）於民國 95 年 3 月 22 日在台北縣土城市金城路某倉庫內及門前 3 輛進口之 SMART 小轎車底盤內，查獲第三級毒品 K 他命 134.74 公斤，逮捕負責看管倉庫之「連德威」（綽號阿威）。

同月 26 日又於高雄港 75 號碼頭甫進口之 2 輛同款 SMART 小轎車底盤內，再查獲第三級毒品 K 他命 118 公斤，合計

252.74 公斤。

循線於 3 月 29 日逮捕負責運輸之安通海運公司總經理「覃昌華」又於 3 月 30 日查獲策劃毒品入境之耳鼻喉科醫生「羅仕嘉」，終於在 95 年 6 月 20 日拘提幕後首腦竹聯幫宏仁會大哥「徐建新」到案。

貳、線索緣起

台北查緝隊於 94 年 6 月 27 日查獲程○逸持有大麻五百多公克案，循線於 29 日順利查獲貨主林○龍，且搜索林嫌之住所

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時，發現乙本帳冊，在其內容中得知綽號「阿威」（連德威）為其同夥，遂在 94 年 7 月 1 日成立「靖益專案」注意偵查。

另於 94 年 8 月中查獲毒品案中，從該案拉出乙名可運用之諮詢，經提供該販毒集團某綽號「新哥」者，其涉嫌利用各種管道走私二、三級毒品入境販售牟利，而綽號「阿威」所扮演角色係替該集團尋覓放置毒品之倉庫。

參、偵查情形

一、指導諮詢深入了解集團組織：

依據上述線情，台北查緝隊指導諮詢深入了解該販毒集團之組織架構及走私入境模式，得知該集團係以綽號「新哥」者為首，其有四大手下分別為綽號「阿威」、「黑猴」、「林○龍」及「簡○洲」等人，且該等嫌犯為北部地區販售第二、三級毒

品之大盤商，並陸續清查比對通聯紀錄後，報請台北地方法院檢察署曾益盛檢察官指揮偵辦。

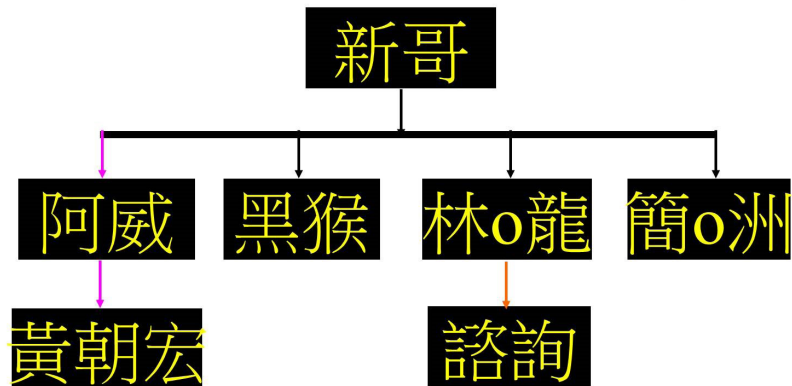
二、著手釐清犯嫌真實身份及住所：

經數個月監偵後，於 94 年 12 月調閱綽號「新哥」所使用之國際行動電話通聯紀錄，清查乙線苗栗縣竹南地區之家用電話，由此線電話資料得知申登人為「新哥」之母親，進而釐清其真實姓名為「徐建新」。

95 年 1 月 11 日查獲「連德威」小弟「黃朝弘」涉嫌運輸 1 公斤安非他命，連嫌則因此搬離位於中和市之住所後，改於土城市裕民路一帶租屋居住，台北查緝隊乃再行利用通訊監察清查其使用之家用電話，遂而得知連嫌租屋處之地址。

三、本案窒礙難行：

新哥販毒集團組織一覽表



(一) 台北查緝隊雖對該集團相關涉案成員實施通訊監察，於報請曾益盛檢察官指揮偵辦期間陸續查獲「程○逸」及「黃朝弘」等人運輸、販賣毒品案，惟該集團首腦「徐建新」談論毒品交易相關事宜時，均使用國際行動電話與其下手通聯，且國內當時對於涉案對象所使用之國際電話無法有效進行監偵及比對釐清集團首腦之真實身份；若無「徐建新」於94年12月撥打苗栗縣竹南地區之家用電話，迄今尚無法比對出集團首腦之真實身份。

(二) 台北查緝隊於95年1月透過調閱「徐建新」所使用之國際行動電話通聯紀錄，比對出乙線綽號「醫生」者所使用之「0968」大眾電信行動電話號碼，惟目前國內對非GSM系統無法實施通訊監察現譯快報，僅能使用上線

代錄方式實施監察，以致未能及時緝獲「羅仕嘉」（綽號醫生）到案。

四、陷入瓶頸、錯失良機：

對該販毒集團實施通訊監察期間得知於95年1月23日綽號「醫生」者曾成功利用海運方式以貨櫃裝載3部smart轎車夾藏第三級毒品K他命入境，惟因上述通訊監察窒礙難行之處所述，無法及時有效掌握其貨櫃入境動態，進而未查獲到該批毒品。

肆、查處經過

一、第一階段偵辦過程：

(一) 通訊監察、研判案情：

綽號「阿威」者與綽號「醫生」者，於95年3月18日至20日期間通聯時提及「將拖運3台車入庫」、「東西20至23日到台灣」等，研判該毒梟集團即將走私



大量K他命毒品入境。

（二）線上監聽、全程跟監、埋伏：

3月21日隨即會同相關單位至台北縣土城市裕民路、金城路、中和市民樂路等3處對象可能出沒地點實施埋伏守候、跟監等行動蒐證作為，以全程監控「連德威」等人行蹤；21日晚間連嫌多次與拖車公司聯繫，表示將前往三重當面告知拖車地點與交付拖車之費用，但於23時因連嫌表示不想出門，要已轉帳方式繳付拖車費後，遂將重點置於翌日。

（三）偵辦本案件之手法：

3月22日約13時再度前往土城市裕民路一帶，持續監控「連德威」之動態，

連嫌於15時許致電房東表示，想拿取倉庫鑰匙。

台北查緝隊人員隨即佯裝房客致電該房東，向其詢問是否有可以經營修車廠之地點，經房東透露土城市學府路93號及金城路2段61巷有兩間倉庫可承租。

（四）時機成熟、展開查緝：

連嫌與綽號「醫生」者於15時30分之聯繫內容提及「下午4點拖車放至倉庫並將向友人商借千斤頂」；通聯過程中堅持不肯透露拖運車輛停放之地點；針對上述2點即認定已到查緝之契機，且毒品可能夾藏於轎車底盤內，隨即向指揮偵辦之曾檢察官反應，曾檢察官乃協調管轄地之





95.3.22 藏放第 2 部 SMART 轎車之毒品數量



95.3.22 轎車底盤起出毒品



95.3.22 在土城市查獲之
K 他命 134.74 公斤



95.3.22 藏放第 3 部 SMART 轎車之
毒品數量



板橋地檢署檢察官蔡偉逸共同指揮此次查緝行動。

（五）查獲 134.74 公斤 K 他命：

因電詢房東得知兩處可承租之倉庫，距離約不到 30 公尺，承辦司法警察同仁乃於 17 時 30 分許，即將分散於中和市民樂路及土城市裕民路之人員集中，置查緝重點於金城路 61 巷與學府路口，果於 18 時 40 分許即發現一拖板車司機載運 SMART 轎車至金城路 61 巷 5 號之 3 門前，因拖板車司機無法打開倉庫大門，即致電連嫌，連嫌表示要立刻前往該倉庫，俟拖板車司機卸下拖板上 SMART 轎車後，約 19 時許連嫌即至該處開啟鐵捲門，並與拖板車司機各駕駛乙輛 SMART 轎車進入倉庫內，此刻見時機已成熟隨即展開查緝，並報經曾檢察官及蔡偉逸檢察官同意，指示該隊以逕行搜索方式執行，嗣經仔細搜索後陸續在 3 部車底盤內起出三級毒品 K 他命 119 包，總計毛重 134.74 公斤。

二、第二階段偵辦過程：

（一）偵訊過程：

經訊問拖板車司機得知，該 3 部 SMART 轎車係由基隆鴻源報關行職員楊○隆負責報關進口，本隊即請楊○到隊說明，偵訊後排除楊某涉案，楊某表示負責承攬運輸轎車進口為安通海運公司之覃先生，且另有兩部同款轎車尚未運達台灣，亦由覃先生負責進口，台北查緝隊同仁旋於 23

日上午以電話聯繫覃○，其表示願意主動說明轎車進口之流程。

（二）掌握後續情資：

負責承攬之安通航運公司總經理覃昌華於 3 月 24 日依約至該隊說明，覃○表示本案提貨人為住台北縣汐止市之張○帆，且告知所查獲之 3 部 SMART 小轎車確係由安通海運公司進口，並表示在不曝露真實身份情形下，願意以製作檢舉筆錄方式，告知尚有 2 部同款 SMART 小轎車將於 3 月 25 日至 27 日間自德國漢堡港運抵高雄港，另將貨品提貨單提供參考。

（三）聲請指揮書：

同日下午該隊隨即與台北地檢署緝毒專組陳大偉主任檢察官、曾益盛檢察官針對覃昌華檢舉筆錄及提貨單研討後，曾檢察官開立指揮書予高雄、基隆關稅局及保三總隊第二大隊，並由台北查緝隊於 25 日南下高雄時轉交，要求上述單位派員協助清查另 2 部可能夾帶毒品之 SMART 小轎車。

（四）過濾艙單 - 再查獲 118 公斤 K 他命：

專案小組於 3 月 25 日南下，會同海巡署高雄市機動查緝隊、岸巡五總隊、高雄關稅局及保三總隊第二大隊，經多次與關稅局及船務公司比對提貨單之貨櫃櫃號察覺，該貨櫃於 22 日在香港因原定裝載之現代航運公司「海尼斯」貨輪航行途中故障，已改由現代公司「海森威」貨輪負責載運，該貨輪於 25 日晚間 10 時許已抵達



95.3.26 檢查貨櫃中的轎車



95.3.26 藏放於第 4 部 SMART 轎車毒品



藏放於第 5 部 SMART 轎車毒品之數量



95.3.26 高雄港 75 號碼頭
共起出 K 他命 118 公斤

高雄港，專案小組旋於 26 日凌晨 1 時於高雄港 75 號碼頭在高雄關稅局協助下執行開櫃檢查，果於現代公司「海森威」貨輪上之乙只貨櫃（編號 HDMU2360158）所裝載之 2 部同款 SMART 小型轎車底盤內再起出 105 包三級毒品 K 他命，毛重約 118 公斤。

三、第三階段追查幕後主嫌：

（一）拘提提貨人：

台北查緝隊於 3 月 27 日，復與臺北市政府警察局大同分局同仁，持曾益盛檢察官所核發之拘票前往台北縣汐止市擬拘提本案小轎車之提貨人張○帆到案說明時，大樓管理員告知張○已遷居他處多年，且房屋已遭法院拍賣，研判張某可能為毒梟集團所利用之人頭。

（二）通聯及聲紋比對：

經綜整案件分析比對時，發現主動到案檢舉自清之安通海運公司總經理覃昌華音調，與本隊監聽綽號「醫生」者曾致電「某對象」報怨「東西」（指轎車）到庫後，小弟（指連德威）未善盡看管責任等語之聲音相似度甚高，經再次詳細過濾比對錄音帶內容及通聯紀錄，證實覃○涉有重嫌，本隊即向曾檢察官聲請拘票，並以仍有部份案情尚需釐清，請覃某於 29 日再次到隊說明，覃○依約到案後本隊即予以拘提，並提示譯文內容及錄音帶後，覃○俯首認罪坦承事先知情，而毒品 K 他命係自荷蘭阿姆斯特丹港上貨，毒品則夾藏在五部進口中古車的底盤，輾轉由德國漢堡港分兩批海運來台，監聽譯文中所稱之「羊大便」係指 K 他命暗語等，並供稱全案係受綽號



「醫生」之羅仕嘉指使，辦理 5 部 SMART 轎車進口相關事宜。

（三）緝捕幕後成員：

得悉綽號「醫生」本名羅仕嘉後，經調閱相關資料證實，「醫生 - 羅仕嘉」竟是耳鼻喉科執業醫生受僱於台北縣土城市裕民路嘉恩診所，住台北市內湖區成功路 369 號 11 樓，擁有雙 B 轎車、保時捷休旅車及法拉利跑車，29 日晚間本檢察官再次指揮台北查緝隊持所核發之拘票至羅○住處埋伏守候。

嗣於當日晚間 8 時許發現羅嫌駕駛車號 5600-DU 之保時捷休旅車進入上址地下 4 樓停車場，查緝人員見羅○手持乙只黑色塑膠袋下車，即上前出示證件及拘票，

經羅○同意搜索後，於該黑色塑膠袋內起出 5 本 SMART 轎車之車籍資料、5 把備份鑰匙及 12 本銀行存摺。

（四）緝捕幕後首腦：

偵訊羅嫌後，坦承係受竹聯幫宏仁會前任會長「徐建新」指使，利用其從事進口中古汽車貿易之便走私 K 他命毒品，且毒品未成功夾帶入境台灣，皆隱匿於大陸上海地區，徐嫌因恐東窗事發遲未返台，直至 95 年 5 月 27 日其為鞏固在台販毒之勢力而回國，並辦好 3 個月荷蘭簽證，將再次前往荷蘭主導走私毒品入境台灣相關事宜；台北查緝隊則在 95 年 6 月 20 日徐嫌欲搭乘長榮航空前往香港轉機時，於桃園機場第 2 航廈出境大廳順利拘提徐嫌到案。



95.3.30 耳鼻喉科執業醫師

95.3.30 12 本銀行存摺



伍、95 年 6 月 20 日緝獲集團

幕後主嫌全案宣告偵破

本案經監控長達一年，在台北、板橋地檢署指揮台北查緝隊及相關單位聯手偵破以轎車夾藏毒品跨國走私案，總計查扣 252.74 公斤、市值高達三億元的 K 他命，主要嫌犯連德威、覃昌華、羅仕嘉及徐建新等 4 人先後拘捕到案，經移送板橋地檢署偵訊後皆收押禁見；各該犯嫌均已判決罪刑確定。



最大K毒集團 醫師是毒梟

95.4.5 自由時報頭版





Cross-Border Smuggling of 252kg of Ketamine Busted

Yi-cheng Tseng

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V. Case closed on June 20, 2006 with the arrest
of the Big Boss

Xindian/Chia-Hsin, Lu

I. Summary

Our prosecutor, Yi-cheng Tseng, instructed the Mobile Investigation Team of the Coast Guard Administration Taipei on March 22, 2006, to bust 134.74 kilograms of ketamine (a category 3 substance) in a warehouse on Jincheng Road, Tucheng City in Taipei County, which was found inside the chassis of three imported SMART sedans in front of the warehouse. The warehouse guard, Te-wei Lien (nicknamed A-wei), was arrested on that day. On March 26, 2006, the team busted 118 kilograms of ketamine again inside the chassis of two SMART sedans, which were just imported and shipped from Dock 75, Kaohsiung Harbor. The total volume of the seized ketamine was 252.74 kilograms.

On March 29, 2006, the General Manager of Taipei Forwarding Services Co., Ltd., Chang-hua Tan, was arrested. On March 30, the team arrested Dr. Shih-chia Lo, an otorhinolaryngologist responsible for the planning of this drug trafficking operation. Finally, Chien-hsin Hsu, the boss behind the scenes and the leader of the Hongren Chapter, the Bamboo Union (mafia in Taiwan), was arrested with a warrant on June 20, 2006.

II. Background

On June 27, 2005, the Taipei Reconnaissance Brigade seized over 500 grams of marijuana from suspect Chen. This resulted in the arrest of the supplier, X-long Lin, on June 29, 2005. A search at Lin's home found an account, and from it, the investigation team learned that A-wei (Te-wei Lien) was an accomplice. The project code "Jin Yi" was established on July 1, 2005 to focus on this lead.

The prosecutor pulled an informer from the busted drug cases in August 2005, and found out about Hsin Ge, who was involved in the smuggling of category 2 and 3 substances, while working for the same drug trafficking group. A-wei was responsible for sourcing the warehousing space.



III. Investigation Process

1. In-depth profiling

Based on the above clues, the Taipei Reconnaissance Brigade attempted to profile the organization of the drug trafficking group, as well as their smuggling patterns. The group was led by Hsin Ge, who had four right-hand men, A-wei, Hei-hou, X-long Lin, and X-chou Chian. They were all major suppliers for category 2 and 3 substances in northern Taiwan. After cross referencing the communication records, the Taipei Reconnaissance Brigade reported the case to Taipei District Prosecutors Office, and the case was assigned to our prosecutor, Yi-cheng Tseng.

2. True identities and addresses of suspects

After months of monitoring, the investigation team identified the home number of suspect Hsin Ge in Chunan District, Miaoli County, by retrieving the international mobile calls made in December 2005. The phone was registered to Hsin Ge's mother, and the real name of the suspect is Chien-hsin Hsu.

On January 11, 2006, the investigation team found out that Te-wei Lien's friend, Chao-hung Huang, was suspected of transporting 1 kilogram of amphetamine. To accomplish his goal, Te-wei Lien moved from Zhonghe City and rented a flat on Yuming Road, Tucheng City. The Taipei Reconnaissance Brigade identified his home number by monitoring communication records, and then, the address of his apartment.

3. Investigation difficulties

(1) The Taipei Reconnaissance Brigade monitored the communication of the suspects involved, and busted the drug trafficking activities of X-yi Cheng and Chao-hung Huang under the instruction of prosecutor Yi-cheng Tseng. However, the leader, Chien-hsin Hsu, used international mobile phone numbers to liaise with his staff for drug dealing. At that time, it was not possible for investigators in Taiwan to effectively monitor the international numbers and locate his true identify. If Chien-hsin Hsu had not dialed from his home in Chunan, Miaoli County, in December 2005, it

would not have been possible to track him down.

(2) In January 2006, the Taipei Reconnaissance Brigade retrieved Chien-hsin Hsu's communication records using international mobile numbers, and identified a 0986 number run by the PHS system operator First International Telecom Corp. and used by "Doctor" (nickname). However, it was not possible to instantaneously monitor and interpret the non-GSM system. It was only possible to monitor the communication by tapping online. As a result, the investigation team was not able to arrest Shih-chia Lo (nicknamed "Doctor") at that time.

4. Missed opportunities

The examination of the communication logs found that the Doctor successfully smuggled ketamine (a category 3 substance) into Taiwan on January 23, 2006 by carrying the drug inside three SMART sedans shipped in containers. However, law enforcers were unable to seize this batch due to the abovementioned difficulties in timely communication monitoring.

IV. Investigation Stages

1. Phase 1

(1) Communication monitoring and preliminary clues

In their communications from March 18, 2006 to March 20, 2006, two men, nicknamed "A-wei" and "Doctor", mentioned "towing three cars into the warehouse" and "goods arriving in Taiwan on March 20 to March 23". Hence, the investigation team believed that the criminal group was about to smuggle a large quantity of ketamine.

(2) Online monitoring, following, and lying in wait

On March 21, the investigation team waited for the suspects on Yuming Road and Jincheng Road, Tucheng City, and Minle Road, Zhonghe City in Taipei County, and gathered evidence. On the evening of March 21, Te-wei Lien contacted a towing company multiple times, indicating that he would go to Sanchong in person to instruct the towing location and pay the fees. However, he did not feel like going out at 23:00, and called again to ask for



Phase 1

- (1) Communication monitoring and preliminary clues
- (2) Online monitoring, following, and lying in wait
- (3) Investigation techniques
- (4) The time had come
- (5) Seizure of 134.74 kilograms of ketamine

Stage 2

- (1) Interrogation
- (2) Follow-up intelligence
- (3) Application for warrant of execution
- (4) Cross referencing documents and 118 kilograms of ketamine found

Stage 3

- (1) Detention of the recipient of the bills of lading
- (2) Cross checks of communication records and voiceprints
- (3) Arresting the members behind the scenes
- (4) Arresting of the Big Boss

money transfer methods. Therefore, the investigation team waited until the next day.

(3) Investigation techniques

At about 13:00 on March 22, the investigation team hit Yuming Road again to continue monitoring the suspect Te-wei Lien. He called the landlord at 15:00, indicating that he would like to get the warehouse key.

The Taipei Reconnaissance Brigade pretended to be a prospective tenant calling the same landlord, asking whether there were auto repair workshops available. The landlord said that he had two warehouses available, located at No. 93, Xuefu Road and Lane 61, Jincheng Road Section 2, Tucheng City.

(4) The time had come

Suspects Lien and “Doctor” spoke with each other at 15:30, and mentioned that the towed car would be placed into the warehouse at 4pm, and a jack had been borrowed from a friend. While they did not reveal the location of the towed vehicle, the investigation team believed that the time was ripe for ac-

tion, and the drug could be hidden inside the chassis. Prosecutor Tseng was then informed, and he coordinated with prosecutor Wei-yi Tsai of the New Taipei District Prosecutors Office to work together on this operation (as Tucheng is located in New Taipei City).

(5) Seizure of 134.74 kilograms of ketamine

According to the landlord, the two available-for-rent warehouses are within 30 meters of each other. The judicial police officers gathered together from Minle Road in Zhonghe City and Yumei Road in Tucheng City, toward Xuefu Road and Lane 61, Jincheng Road at approximately 17:30. At 18:40, they found a tow truck driver carrying two SMART sedans toward No. 5-3, Lane 61, Jincheng Road. As the driver could not open the warehouse door, he called Lien. Lien said he would be there immediately. After the tow truck driver unloaded the SMART sedans, Lien arrived at approximately 19:00 and opened the iron roller shutter door. He then entered the warehouse along with the driver, each of them driving a SMART sedan. With the consent of



prosecutor Tseng and prosecutor Wei-yi Tsai, the team raided and searched the warehouse, and found a total of 119 packs of ketamine (a category 3 drug), with a gross weight of 134.74 kilograms, inside the chassis of three cars.

2. Stage 2

(1) Interrogation

According to the tow truck driver, the importing of the three SMART sedans was handled by Yang, an associate working for Hong Yuan Customs Brokerage in Keelung. Yang was asked to provide details, and the investigation team ruled out the possibility of his involvement after interrogation. Yang indicated that the importer was Mr. Tan from Taipei Forwarding Services Co., Ltd., and two more sedans of the same model, also imported by Tan, had not arrived yet in Taiwan. Hence, the Taipei Reconnaissance Brigade contacted Tan via phone on the morning of the 23rd and he said he would be happy to explain the workflow of the imported sedans.

(2) Follow-up intelligence

Chang-hua Tan, the General Manager of Taipei Forwarding Services Co., Ltd., arrived at the Taipei Reconnaissance Brigade's offices, as promised, on March 24. He indicated that the client was Chang who lived in Sijhih City, Taipei County. All three seized SMART sedans were imported via Taipei Forwarding Services Co., Ltd., and Tan was willing to become an informer

by making an oral statement, provided his true identity was not exposed. He mentioned that another two SMART sedans would arrive at the Kaohsiung Harbor between March 25 and March 27 from Hamburg, Germany, and he provided the investigators with the bills of lading.

(3) Application for warrant of execution

In the afternoon of the same day, the Taipei Reconnaissance Brigade had discussions with Chief Prosecutor Da-wei Chen and Prosecutor Yi-cheng Tseng in the Anti-Drug Division of the Taipei District Prosecutors Office. After reviewing the written record of Tan's information, as well as the bills of lading provided by Tan, the investigation team, Chief Prosecutor Da-wei Chen, and Prosecutor Yi-cheng Tseng issued a warrant of execution in the afternoon of the same day to the Kaohsiung Customs, Keelung Customs, and the Third Special Police Corp., National Police Agency. The warrant was delivered by the Taipei Reconnaissance Brigade on the 25th on their way to Kaohsiung, which requested that these govern-

ment agencies assist in busting the two SMART sedans likely carrying drugs.

(4) Cross referencing documents and 118 kilograms of ketamine found

The investigation team headed south on March 25, along with the Coast Guard Administration, Kaohsiung City Reconnaissance Brigade, Coast Patrol Corps 5 of Coast Patrol Directorate General, Kaohsiung Customs officers, and the Second Brigade of the Third Special Police Corp. After multiple checks on the bills of lading and container numbers, as provided by the customs office and shipping companies, the investigation team noticed that the ship (Haynes) operated by Hyundai Merchant Marine, which was supposed to carry the container, broke down in Hong Kong on March 22, and the cars were then transferred to a different ship, the Vladivostok. It arrived in Kaohsiung Harbor at approximately 10pm on the 25th. At 1am on March 26, the investigation team reached Dock 75 and opened the container under the assistance of the Kaohsiung Customs, and found 105 packs of ketamine (a category 3 drug) with a gross weight



of approximately 118 kilograms inside the chassis of the two SMART sedans in the container (HDMU2360158) on the ship Vladivostok.

3. Stage 3: Investigation into the boss behind the scenes

(1) Detention of the recipient of the bills of lading

On March 27, the Taipei Reconnaissance Brigade, again joined by colleagues from Datung Precinct, Taipei City Police Department, went to Sijhih City, Taipei County, with the arrest warrant issued by prosecutor Yi-cheng Tseng, to contact Chang, the recipient of the bills of lading, for the sedans concerned. The superintendent of the residential building indicated that Chang moved out years ago and the flat was auctioned by the court. The investigation team believed that Chang may be just a nominee used by the drug traffickers.

(2) Cross checks of communication records and voiceprints

The investigation team examined the voice tone of Chang-hua Tan, the General Manager of Taipei Forwarding Services Co., Ltd., who voluntarily provided clues and insisted on his innocence, and realized that the voice was similar to the person the “Doctor” called to complain that Te-wei Lien did not properly safe keep the cars in the warehouse. A thorough screening of the recordings and communication records suggested that Tan was involved. The team requested that prosecutor Tseng issue a bench warrant, and asked Tan to come back on March 29, as it was necessary to clarify some details. When Tan arrived, as required,

the team arrested him and showed him the tapped recordings. Tan finally confessed, and told the investigators that the smuggled ketamine was loaded in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, and hidden inside the chassis of five imported secondhand sedans and shipped to Taiwan in two sittings from Hamburg, Germany. The drug runners used the term, “goat’s pooh” as the code word for ketamine. Tan indicated that he was instructed by Shih-chia Lo, nicknamed the Doctor, for the matters associated with the import of the five SMART sedans.

(3) Arresting the members behind the scenes

After the investigators learned the true name of “Doctor”, they went through the database, and were surprised to find that Shih-chia Lo was a practic-

ing otorhinolaryngologist working at the Grace ENT Clinic on Yuming Road, Tucheng City in Taipei County. He lived at 11F, No.369, Chenggong Rd., Neihu District, Taipei City, and owned a Mercedes Benz, a Porsche, and a Ferrari sports car. On March 29, the prosecutor again issued an arrest warrant and instructed the Taipei Reconnaissance Brigade to wait for him at his apartment.

At 8pm that evening, Lo drove his Porsche (licensed No. 5600-DU) and entered the basement level 4 parking lot in his apartment building. The investigators saw him holding a black plastic bag when leaving the car, and immediately approached him with the arrest warrant. With Lo’s consent, the investigators searched the black plastic bag and found the vehicle registration data for the five SMART sedans, five spare keys, and 12 bank passports.



V. Case closed on June 20, 2006 with the arrest of the Big Boss

(4) Arresting of the Big Boss

During interrogation, Lo confessed that he had been acting under the direction of Chien-hsin Hsu, the former leader of the Hongren Chapter, the Bamboo Union. Lo leveraged his side business in the trading of imported secondhand cars for the smuggling of ketamine. The volumes that did not make it to Taiwan were all hidden in Shanghai, and Hsu had not been back to Taiwan for fear of being exposed. It was not until May 27, 2006 that he returned in order to strengthen his foothold in drug trafficking. He obtained a three-month visa for the Netherlands, in order to orchestrate drug smuggling into Taiwan. On June 20, 2006, the Taipei Reconnaissance Brigade finally caught Hsu while he was waiting for his outbound flight via Hong Kong with EVA Air in Terminal 2 of Taoyuan Airport.

The investigation process went on for one year. Under instruction from the Taipei District Prosecutors Office and New Taipei District Prosecutors Office, the Taipei Reconnaissance Brigade and other law enforcement bodies worked together to bust the cross-border drug smuggling ring by hiding substances inside sedans. The operation seized a total of 252.74 kilograms of ketamine, with a market value of NT\$300 million. The four suspects Te-wei Lien, Chang-hua Tan, Shih-chia Lo, and Chien-hsin Hsu were all arrested and sent to New Taipei District Prosecutors Office for interrogation and detention. They have all been sentenced accordingly.