



Supreme Prosecutors Office News Release

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1. In February 2011 the Supreme Prosecutors Office began handling the complaint against prosecutor Chen O-zhen of the High Prosecutors Office for accepting bribes from electronic games operators and shielding gambling, during his terms as chief prosecutor of the Panchiao District Prosecutors Office and prosecutor of the High Prosecutors Office. The case was investigated under “Project Zheng-Ji”, and the Special Investigation Division has undertaken collection and investigation of evidence for more than 1 year. On November 3, 2012, based on a search warrant issued by the court, the responsible prosecutor directed prosecutorial officers and judicial police (officers) in conducting raids on 10 locations related to prosecutor Chen O-zhen, including his office and residence. At 10:00 on November 12, 2012 the defendant Chen O-zhen was then summoned to an interrogation by the prosecutor, and was found to be a serious suspect for offenses including corruption, with facts indicating there was likelihood of collusion with witnesses, destruction of evidence and get-away. Given that the offenses involved, including acceptance of bribes in breach of official duties, are punishable by a minimum of 5 years term imprisonment, failure to take the defendant into custody would clearly impede prosecution, adjudication and enforcement. Therefore the prosecutor has informed the defendant that he was under arrest as of 5:45PM upon conclusion of interrogations on that day, and at 9:00PM the prosecutor applied to the Taipei District Court, Taiwan to take the defendant into custody, as well as bar from visitors and communications.
2. The defendant had been involved in these offenses for as long as 7 years, during his terms at two prosecutor offices, and the suspected amount of bribes taken is extremely large. The Special Investigation Division will carefully investigate this case in the spirit of “not maligning but not conniving”.