

Taiwan Keelung District Prosecutors Office

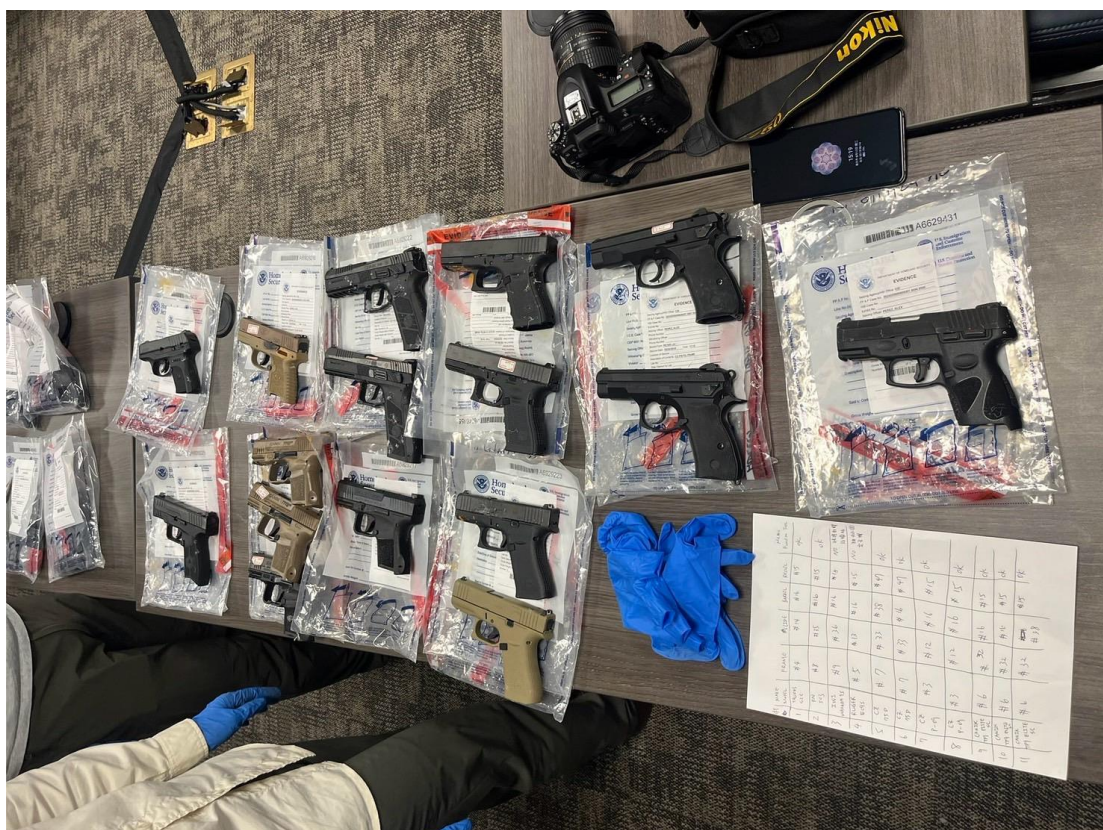
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U.S.-Taiwan Joint Operation Thwarts Trafficking of Service Firearms into Taiwan: Keelung District Prosecutors Indict Five Men, including Hsieh, the Prime Suspect in the Firearms Trafficking Scheme.

Head Prosecutor Chao-Shin Chen of the Taiwan Keelung District Prosecutors Office ("District Prosecutors Office") directed the Taiwan Criminal Investigation Bureau (CIB) International Criminal Affairs Division (ICAD), the Keelung City Police Bureau Criminal Investigation Division, and the New Taipei City Police Department Zhonghe Precinct, successfully preventing 16 service pistols from entering Taiwan through Taiwan-U.S. joint cooperation. The investigation was recently concluded with the arrest of members of a related arms trafficking syndicate, and five defendants (surnamed Hsieh, Peng, Cheng, Yeh, and Chiu) were charged while in custody with offenses including the transport of handguns under Article 7, Paragraph 1 of the Firearms, Ammunition, and Knives Control Act, as well as attempted smuggling of controlled articles under Article 2, Paragraph 2, Paragraph 1 of the Smuggling Penalty Act. The case was reviewed in certiorari along with the detained defendants, and the Court ordered that the five accused remain in custody with a no-visitation order during their detention.





(Photo : The seized service firearms.)



(Photo: The prosecutor(right), along with officers from the Criminal Investigation Bureau (CIB), traveled to the United States to conduct a firearms evidence inventory, accompanied by agents from Homeland Security Investigations (HSI).)



(Photo: The seized firearms (stored in a black suitcase) successfully arrived at Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport from the United States.)



(Photo: In the context of deepening Taiwan-U.S. cooperation to combat crime, the prosecutor (front row, 7th from left) and the task force visited the United States, taking a commemorative photo following a meeting with U.S. law enforcement agencies, including Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), and the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD).)