



# Taichung District Prosecutors

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Prosecutors propose the harshest sentence possible  
on a drunk driving case- 10 year prison sentence  
and confiscating the drunk driver's car.

Chen, Rui-Ying, a man in Taichung City, Taiwan, was suspected of drunk driving causing two deaths, has been prosecuted in Taichung District Court. The prosecutor proposes a 10-year-imprisonment, which is the harshest punishment of the offense, and the Chen's car for confiscation, in order to show the determination to curb drunk driving.

In the early morning on Feb.2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019, Chen committed drunk driving on the wrong side of Rd. Guo-Guang, Dali District, Taichung City, causing a severe car accident and resulting in two deaths. After investigating the case, Chen was detained by the court. The investigation was finalized a few days later on Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> 2019. According to the indictment, Chen's driver license had already been suspended since Mar. 9<sup>th</sup> 2018, due to his rejection of taking the BAC test. On Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> 2018, he was involved in a drunk driving case again, while his BAC was up to 0.91mg/l. He was later sentenced by the court to 3 months in prison(not been executed). Chen did not learn the lesson from that, instead, he

committed drunk driving again on Feb.2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019. He drove all the way of more than 33 kilometers, mostly the main roads in the urban area where people and vehicles are dense. He even engaged in risky behaviors such as driving on the wrong side of the road, speeding, weaving in and out of traffic and running red lights, putting the citizens' property and lives in great risks. His action eventually caused the tragic deaths of two people. Chen's BAC was up to 0.812 mg/l when the accident happened. The prosecutor believes that Chen's attitude to neglect other's property and lives was flagrant, thus proposes the court to give him the harshest statutory penalty to 10-year-imprisonment.

In addition, considering the car used by Chen has raised the danger on roads and caused two victims deaths, the car has been regarded as the tool used in the commission of an offense and applied to the court for confiscation.