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Condemn violence, Strict investigation

Regarding the case that railway police officer Lee was killed by suspect Cheng with a knife at eight forty in the evening on 3rd July 2019, Chief Prosecutor Miao, Cho-Jan has assigned Prosecutor Chen mei-Chuen to investigate this case. After the interrogation, prosecutor Chen requested detention of the suspect because the crime committed is death, life imprisonment, and a minimum of five-year imprisonment. There are sufficient reasons to support the concern for absconding and colluding with accomplices or witness, and there are facts sufficient to justify an apprehension that he may re-commit the same offense again.

Out of the anger towards the society as a whole, the suspect bought two knives in advance and planned to go north to hold a press conference and make a petition to the authorities concerned. However, due to the train ticketing problem, the suspect began to argue with the train conductor. The train conductor then asked the railway police officer Lee to help bring the suspect out of the train. Suddenly, the suspect attacked the police officer, resulting in severe abdominal injury and massive internal bleeding. Emergent resuscitation and follow up surgeries were in vain.

We feel great sorrow for the passing away of railway police officer Lee. The Association for Victims Support has started to help his family. Chief Prosecutor Miao, Cho-Jan also went to the Chiayi Funeral Parlor to give condolences to the victim's family this afternoon. There shouldn't be any violence against the enforcement of the law by public officials. We are determined to investigate strictly, and will prosecute such violence according to the laws.