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## Changhua District Prosecutors Office Concludes Investigation into Cases of Obstruction of Official Duties and Assault During the Dajia Mazu Pilgrimage

### Indictments Filed Against 5 Defendants

On the 18th of this month, while the Dajia Mazu procession was passing through Changhua City, a sudden incident of mob violence and obstruction of official duties occurred. Changhua Prosecutors Office promptly assigned Prosecutor Chen Zhen-Yi to direct the investigation, which was conducted by the Changhua Branch of the Changhua County Police Department and the 6th Investigation Corps of the Criminal Investigation Bureau under the National Police Agency (Central Crime Suppression Center). The investigation has now been concluded, and five defendants, including Chen ○○, have been indicted on charges of obstructing official duties and other offenses.

According to the investigation, on April 18, while the Dajia Mazu procession was passing through downtown Changhua City, defendants Chen ○○ (currently in custody) and Ke ○○ gathered a crowd to use violence and intimidation against public officials lawfully performing their duties, resulting in injuries to the investigation team captain and others. Both are suspected of violating Article 136 of the Criminal Code (obstruction of official duties) and Article 277 (assault). In addition to the aforementioned two offenses, defendant Zeng ○○ is also charged with the crime of property damage under Article 354 of the Criminal Code. Defendants Ye ○○ and Ye ○○ were present at the scene of the aforementioned conflict and incited the crowd; both are charged with the crime of inciting a crowd to obstruct official duties under Article 136 of the Criminal Code, and have been indicted in accordance with the law.

Religious ceremonies are meant to be a source of comfort and stability for the people; however, fervent faith is by no means an excuse for violent disturbances. Public authority must not be challenged, and this office will cooperate with the police to swiftly and rigorously investigate and prosecute any illegal or disorderly conduct to the fullest extent of the law. We hereby urge the general public to remain rational when participating in religious events. We hope that everyone will safeguard the solemnity of religious activities with a devout heart and actions, so that we may all be protected and receive divine protection!