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Pressing Luck and Refusing Breathalyzer Test Do Not Hinder Property Seizure

Hong, with household registration at Ershui Township, Changhua County and an owner of luxury vehicles including BMW and Mercedes-Benz, faced severe penalties after evading a breathalyzer test in Taipei City. During a routine checkpoint, Hong refused to stop his vehicle as directed by police, resulting in a fine of NT\$180,000. Additional penalties for using an unregistered vehicle, speeding, and failing to pay national highway tolls brought his total debts to over NT\$300,000. Despite receiving the penalty notice, Hong did not comply with the payment requirements, prompting the transfer of his case for compulsory enforcement by various authorities including the Taipei City Traffic Adjudication Office, Changhua Motor Vehicles Office of Taichung Motor Vehicles Office, Highway Bureau, MOTC, and the Changhua County Local Tax Bureau to the Changhua Branch, Administrative Enforcement Agency, Ministry of Justice (hereinafter “Changhua Branch”).

Due to high-value mortgages on his real estate, seizing Hong's properties was not feasible. Enforcement officers then attempted to levy his bank accounts and salary, yet these measures did not cover the total amount owed. Persistent in their efforts, the officers later attempted to locate one of Hong's vehicles at his registered residence, yet their additional visit to the obligor's registered residence did not help them track the vehicles or meet the obligor; the enforcement officer proceeded relentlessly, and their wish came true in another visit as they discovered the Mercedes owned by the obligor and may seize it on site. At the scene, Hong's son, who was using the vehicle, pleaded not to tow it away, offering to pay NT\$100,000 immediately and settle the remaining debt in installments.

The Changhua Branch emphasizes strict and swift action in cases of drunk driving and refusal to take breathalyzer tests. The public is urged to adhere to traffic regulations, especially during the upcoming Lunar New Year holidays, to ensure road safety and enjoy a safe and happy festive season.

