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Refusing Breathalyzer Test Before the Deity?

In Lukang Township, Changhua County, a 40-year-old man surnamed Lin, residing just outside the famous Longshan Temple, was caught refusing a breathalyzer test by the police. Following his refusal, Changhua Station of Taichung Motor Vehicles Office, Highway Bureau, MOTC (hereinafter “Changhua Station”) imposed a fine of NT\$180,000. Lin, however, did not comply with the penalty notification, leading to the involvement of the Changhua Branch, Administrative Enforcement Agency, Ministry of Justice (hereinafter “Changhua Branch”) for compulsory enforcement.

Initially, enforcement officers visited the obligor’s residence to collect the fine but were unable to meet him personally. They communicated with his mother, who lives with him, requesting that he address the fine urgently. Despite this, the obligor delayed payment. Upon a diligent search by the enforcement staff near the obligor’s home, they located and seized his vehicle parked in front of Longshan Temple. Only then did the obligor’s

contact the handling clerk to claim his vehicle, stating it was essential for his daily commute to work. The officer informed him that the fines, along with an additional towing fee of NT\$3,500, must be paid to retrieve the vehicle. The obligor complied and paid the total amount to reclaim his means of transportation.

The Changhua Branch underscores that drunk driving is unforgivable, not even by divine entities watching over the famous temple. The government maintains a strict zero-tolerance policy toward drunk driving. As the Lunar New Year festivities bring increased gatherings, the public is reminded to adhere to the principle: "Do not drive after drinking; do not drink if you need to drive". The Branch remains committed to enforcing this policy to ensure the road safety of the public.

