



## **Press Release of Changhua Branch, Administrative Enforcement Agency, Ministry of Justice**

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### **Changhua Branch's Flexible Approach to Protecting the Beautiful County Highway 139**

County Highway 139, located in the Baguashan mountain ridge, has a beautiful landscape and often attracts many heavy motorcyclists during the summer vacation. Especially when there are focus-grabbing and photography enthusiasts gathering on the road, it is more likely to provoke heavy motorcyclists to show off their skills by speeding, thus causing speeding violations and accidents to occur frequently. For the purpose of encouraging road users to value their own lives and the lives of others, the Changhua Branch, Administrative Enforcement Agency, Ministry of Justice (hereinafter referred to as the Changhua Branch), has been monitoring the violation cases and strengthening the enforcement of penalties on this road section during the summer vacation period, with a view to decreasing the number of violations and reducing the occurrence of traffic accidents.

A man surnamed Chen (born in 2005), whose registered address is Yuanlin City, Changhua County, was cited by the police for driving an ordinary heavy motorcycle at a speed exceeding the speed limit of 20 kph or less on three consecutive occasions between 6.4 km and 9.7 km of County Highway 139 on June 4, June 9, and June 25, 2023, respectively, and fined a total of NT\$4,500. Due to the overdue fine, the Taichung Motor Vehicle Office, Highway Bureau, Ministry of Transportation and Communications referred Mr. Chen's case to the Changhua Branch for enforcement. Upon receipt of the case, the Changhua Branch first notified Mr. Chen to pay the money by means of a summons notice, but Mr. Chen still failed to pay the money. During the enforcement of this case, the enforcement clerk found that Mr. Chen, in addition to several speeding fines on County Highway 139, also had other speeding and red-light violations, and owed a fine of NT\$9,200, all of which had not been paid, which showed that Mr. Chen was negligent of his own safety and the safety of other pedestrians. In order to make Mr. Chen pay the price for his violations, the clerk first issued an enforcement order to seize his bank account, and then went to Mr. Chen's residence to seize all of his large and heavy motorcycles, and the case was fully levied after the strong enforcement.

Another man, surnamed Chiu, based in Pitou Township, Changhua County, was fined a total of NT\$64,320 by the Taichung Motor Vehicle Office from 2014 to 2017 for riding without a license, speeding, and running a red light, among other offenses. Since these cases were transferred to the Changhua

Branch, it was found that Mr. Chiu did not have any property that could be enforced, making it impossible to take the enforcement action. During the execution of this project, the contractor's clerk went to the obligor's residence for on-site enforcement, and Mr. Chiu's father said that his son had received a Physical and Mental Disability Handbook due to a lack of intelligence, making his employment status unstable. The enforcement officers understood Mr. Chiu's need to ride a motorcycle and were sympathetic to his recent job search, thus they allowed him to pay the fine in installments and told him that he could apply for a driver's license after the installments were made, and Mr. Chiu promised to abide by the traffic rules and pay the fine on time in the future.

According to Changhua Branch, County Highway 139 lies in a mountainous area with many bends and curves, where motorcycle riders often fall off the road due to speeding or improper handling of curves, resulting in deaths and injuries. The Changhua Branch hopes to prevent the recurrence of traffic accidents on County Highway 139 through strong enforcement actions, reducing the number of violations by the public and the number of traffic accidents, and thus actively demonstrating the attitude and action of "the people's concerns are the major concerns of the Branch". In the future, the Branch will continue to strengthen cooperation with the motor vehicle regulators, and will keep on building up the public's awareness of legal compliance through the use of both firm and flexible enforcement methods based on its principle of caring for life regarding the traffic violation cases on County Highway 139.







