

The Yunlin District Prosecutors Office has concluded its investigation and indicted defendants in a ketamine manufacturing case.

Prosecutors and police joined forces to target the root of drug production, seizing up to 195 kilograms of pure ketamine in net finished form.

Summary of Fact :

Upon receiving intelligence regarding a clandestine ketamine laboratory established by a drug syndicate in Yunlin County, the Chief Prosecutor of the Yunlin District Prosecutors Office prioritized the matter and immediately assigned Prosecutor Liao Yi-Hsiang to lead the investigation. A joint task force was then formed, comprising the Taoyuan City Survey Department 、 the Taoyuan Police Precinct and the Taisi Police Precinct.

Investigation Process :

After several months of surveillance and evidence collection, the task force executed court-authorized search warrants in February and May 2025, conducting coordinated searches in Yunlin, Taichung, and Taipei. The investigation uncovered a fully operational ketamine factory hidden inside a private residence in Taixi Township, Yunlin County.

Despite knowing that ketamine is a Schedule III controlled substance, the defendants conspired to rent a property in Taixi Township for illegal production. Chi led the operation, instructing others in manufacturing methods, supplying precursor chemicals and equipment, and overseeing the production, packaging, and delivery of the drugs for distribution.

By the end of December 2024, records maintained by the group indicated they had manufactured and sold over 712 kilograms of ketamine.

The facility was fully equipped and stocked with sufficient chemical materials, operating on the scale of an “underground chemical factory.” Authorities seized a large quantity of raw and semi-finished products, with 195 kilograms of pure ketamine confirmed by forensic analysis—estimated to exceed NT\$100 million in street value.

The successful resolution of this case was the result of precise, close cooperation between prosecutors, police, and investigators. The operation dismantled the core

drug production ring, preventing over 195 kilograms of ketamine from entering the community, thereby safeguarding public safety.

The Yunlin District Prosecutors Office reaffirms its commitment to combating drug-related crimes, which pose serious harm to society and future generations. The Office will continue to strengthen inter-agency collaboration in alignment with the Executive Yuan's "New Generation Anti-Drug Strategy", aiming to eliminate drug production and trafficking at their source and to build a drug-free homeland.

Offenses Prosecuted :

Four suspects—Chi ○-Ting (male, 43), Lin ○-Yen (male, 37), Liu ○-Sheng (male, 45), and Yeh ○-Sung (male, 36)—were arrested and subsequently detained. They have now been formally indicted for manufacturing Schedule III narcotics under Article 4, Paragraph 3 of the Narcotics Hazard Prevention Act, and for initiating or participating in a criminal organization under Article 3, Paragraph 1 of the Organized Crime Prevention Act.