## **Taiwan Miaoli District Prosecutors Office**

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## **The First Prosecution of Miaoli District**

## **Under the Citizen Judges Act**

The defendant Lin was accused of murder on January 20, 2023, and was officially indicted on April 20, 2023, which is the first case under the Citizen Judges Act. The prescribed penalty for this offense is life imprisonment or imprisonment not less than seven years (Section 2 of Article 277 of the Criminal Code).

After the above-mentioned case was sent to trial, the formal implementation of citizen judges from the Miaoli region has been initiated. During the trial stage, our office will collaborate with the police officers to present relevant evidence in the court using oral language that facilitate understanding for the lay judges. In the future, our office will continue to devote efforts to enhance the accessibility of the judiciary and improve the integrity of evidence collection.