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## Man Unable to Work Due to Alcohol Addiction Frequently Fired; Taichung Branch Assists with Treatment Referral

A man surnamed Chien (male, 48 years old) had been sentenced to fixed-term imprisonment several times prior to 2006 for drunk driving, and his driver's license had been revoked. In November 2020, he was caught riding a motorcycle under the influence on Xinan Road in Taichung City during a routine traffic stop by the Wuri Division of the Taichung City Police Department. Because this was his second offense within five years of refusing a breathalyzer test, the Taichung City Traffic Adjudication Office (hereinafter referred to as the Adjudication Office) imposed a fine of NT\$360,000, to be paid within a designated period. When Chien failed to pay before the deadline, the Adjudication Office referred the case to the Taichung Branch of the Administrative Enforcement Agency,

Ministry of Justice (hereinafter referred to as the Taichung Branch) on October 18, 2022, for compulsory execution.

Following a notification from the Taichung Branch, Chien appeared on November 14, 2022, to report his financial status. He stated that his mother had passed away earlier that year and he had borrowed NT\$200,000 for funeral expenses, which remained unpaid. He added that supporting three children, paying rent, and managing a car loan had caused severe financial distress. Surviving on odd jobs, he requested an installment plan of NT\$5,000 per month. However, unable to maintain regular payments, he subsequently requested a reduction to NT\$3,000 per month. Later, due to frequent job changes, he asked to lower the payments to NT\$2,000, yet he still struggled to pay consistently.

An investigation by the Taichung Branch revealed that Chien was likely frequently asked to resign because his drinking habit interfered with his ability to perform his duties. Upon questioning by enforcement officers, Chien expressed a willingness to accept help. The Taichung Branch immediately assisted in referring him to the Taiwan Alcohol Abstinence and Addiction Prevention Center and the Ministry of Health and Welfare's Taichung Hospital for addiction treatment.

The Administrative Enforcement Agency of the Ministry of

Justice has established a referral pipeline for alcohol addiction treatment with the Taiwan Alcohol Abstinence and Addiction Prevention Center. If an obligor is willing, any branch under the Administrative Enforcement Agency can help refer them to the center to mitigate the harm caused by alcohol addiction. The Taichung Branch urges obligors suffering from alcohol addiction to courageously seek and receive rehabilitation treatment, rather than continuing to harm themselves and others, which could lead to lifelong regrets.