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7 Individuals Arrested for Charges Related to Prostitution

FORSYTH COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA – Forsyth County Drug Task Force (FCDTF) Detectives in conjunction with Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) began an investigation at the beginning of 2023 due to complaints of illegal massage parlors operating out of residential neighborhoods in Winston-Salem.

FCDTF Detectives determined that two (2) individuals, Li Huang and Chongmei Wei, owned illegal massage parlors operating in Winston-Salem. During further investigation, FCDTF Detectives found evidence of eight (8) additional illegal massage parlors connected to Li Huang and Chongmei Wei.

The additional massage parlors were determined to be in the following cities:

- Two (2) in Gastonia, North Carolina
- One (1) in Indian Trail, North Carolina
- One (1) in Charlotte, North Carolina
- One (1) in Greensboro, North Carolina
- One (1) in Columbia, South Carolina
- Two (2) in Rock Hill, South Carolina

FCDTF Detectives worked with neighboring law enforcement agencies and the Forsyth County District Attorney's Office to pursue charges. As a result, charges were sought for Li Huang and Chongmei Wei for Continuing a Criminal Enterprise and Promoting Prostitution.

On September 22nd, 2023, Li Huang was arrested in Rock Hill, South Carolina, due to her involvement in the operation of illicit massage parlors. Search warrants were obtained for the additional massage parlors in Winston-Salem, Gastonia, Indian Trail, and Rock Hill with assistance from partners in neighboring law enforcement agencies.

As a result of this investigation and the execution of search warrants, the following individuals were arrested and charged:

- Haiyan Chen, 52-year-old Asian female, was arrested and charged with felony Promoting Prostitution (NCGS 14-205.3(a)). She appeared before a Magistrate, where she was given a bond secured in the amount of $30,000.
- Li Huang, 49-year-old Asian female, was arrested and charged with felony Promoting Prostitution (NCGS 14-205.3(a)) and felony Continuing a Criminal Enterprise (NCGS 90-95.1). She appeared before a Magistrate, where she was given a bond secured in the amount of $15,000.
- Zuying Liu, 60-year-old Asian female, was arrested and charged with misdemeanor Solicitation of Prostitution (NCGS 14-205.1). She appeared before a Magistrate, where she was given a bond secured in the amount of $7,500.
- Chongmei Wei, 59-year-old Asian female, currently has outstanding warrants for arrest for Promoting Prostitution (NCGS 14-205.3(a)) and Continuing a Criminal Enterprise (NCGS 90-95.1).
- Liling Liang, 59-year-old Asian female, was arrested and charged with felony Promoting Prostitution (NCGS 14-205.3(a)) and Conspiracy to Commit Prostitution. She appeared before the Magistrate where she was given a bond secured in the amount of $5,000.
- Quilan Shen, 57-year-old Asian female, was arrested and charged with felony Promoting Prostitution (NCGS 14-205.3(a)). She appeared before the Magistrate where she was given a bond secured in the amount of $5,000.
- Hsiang-Chai Lin, 56-year-old, Asian female, was arrested and charged with Solicitation of Prostitution (NCGS 14-205.1). She appeared before the Magistrate, where she was given a bond secured in the amount of $1,000.

This investigation was a collaborative effort between surrounding law enforcement agencies including Union County Sheriff's Office (UCSO), the Greensboro Police Department (GPD), Rock Hill Police Department (RHPD), South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED), Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), Gastonia Police Department (GPD), the Winston-Salem Police Department (WSPD) Special Victims Unit (SVU) and FCDTF.

Anyone with information related to this investigation or regarding narcotics activity located anywhere in Forsyth County is encouraged to reach out to the FCDTF. Anonymously text information, photos, and video via Text-A-Tip at 336-920-8477; or anonymously call Crime Stoppers at (336) 727-2800 for English or (336) 728-3904 for Spanish.

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The Forsyth County Drug Task Force (FCDTF) was signed into existence in December 2020. The Forsyth County Sheriff's Office, the Kernersville Police Department, the King Police Department, and the Winston-Salem Police Department combined their narcotic investigation divisions to create a county-wide task force. The FCDTF functions under a unified command and team structure to achieve their primary mission of identifying and dismantling criminal organizations trafficking illegal narcotics within Forsyth County. For more information or questions regarding the FCDTF, call 336-728-3910.