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Crimes might be sentencing to death penalty

In Chinese modern society, crimes related to drug, murder, human trafficking and serious economic fraud might be sentenced to death penalty by the court. In some extreme situation, rape, assault and spying might also be sentenced to death penalty by the court. All participants in this interview gave the same answer to this question. However, Mr. Liu and Mr. Zhao who worked in court as judges have a different opinion on the sentencing death penalty. They believe economic fraud might not be necessary to sentenced to the death penalty because comparing to the other crimes, economic fraud is not harmful. The economic fraud might not need to sentence to death penalty also because this crime does not deal physical harm to the victim.

The voice from the public to the court

All interviewees used to meet with victims, they said victims always believe that criminals have to pay for what they did. Also, the traditional Chinese culture also taught Chinese citizens that criminals deserve punishment in any conditions. However, the public voice might affect the judgement, according to all interviewees, if the judgement is not correct or not fulfil the wish of victims, victims might report the information to

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media to help them to get their wishes. Once victim reported to media, the judgement will hardly keep as the original judgement. The judgement will affect by public pressures once the media give pressure to court. Mr. Yao, a judge in court said, the media sometimes exaggerate problem of a judgement which might cause Chinese citizens to conduct a protest on internet.

The assurance of the accuracy of sentencing

To make sure the accuracy of the sentencing of the death penalty, the case need to be reviewed two to three times in trial court. All the evidence that reported by police department will investigate by the court for many times and the court might ask the police department to grab more evidence in order to support the case. A sentence of the death penalty will take a long time since those pieces of evidence need to check. “However, some of the information might incorrect because the police department does not always have the sense of the responsibility. Once the police department wants to finish a case in fast, police officers might hide some important evidence that might make a turnover to a case. This happened a lot before 2015”, said by Mr. Wang who is a lawyer.

The correction of a wrong sentencing

Once there is a wrong judgement, the victim of the judgement might hardly to find who is irresponsible, so the only way to reimburse to a victim is paying the money. “It is difficult to find who is irresponsible, there are too many police officers who working on this case, it is hard to find who hide the evidence or neglect the evidence and for what purpose.” said by Mr. Ning. The only way is to pay the money. If the victim who

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received the wrong judgement died already or not, the money might be the only way to end this wrong judgement.

The wrong judgment from the court happened a lot in the past. Most of the interviewees remember the time of “Yan Da” which causes a lot of criminals who should not sentence to the death penalty sentenced to the death penalty at that time to warn citizens to stop committing rape and assault. Lots of criminals dead under a wrong sentencing. However, that situation happened lesser and lesser because the government stops this action. In this era, the government asks the court be careful to sentencing a death penalty.

Use death penalty to lower the crime rate

The death penalty decreases the crime rate in several types of crimes, crimes rate which related to the drug, human trafficking and rape are decreased. In some county, the court barely receives those type of cases. However, the total amount of the cases still remains the same because more crimes relate to economic fraud or divorce. “This is a good sign to see those most of cases are about economic fraud because this means more citizens educated to do not commit to those type of crimes.” said by Mr. Yu. The education purpose of the death penalty is working well in some circumstances to citizens.