

The Case of Faked Kidnapping

Taiwanese YouTubers Chen Neng-chuan and Lu Tsu-hsien were arrested in Sihanoukville, a Cambodian city known for online scam gangs. They had uploaded videos claiming they had been kidnapped and needed help. These claims led to a lot of attention, but soon, people started asking questions.

Chen and Lu, known online as “Goodnight Chicken” and “Anow,” shared a video talking about the danger they were in. The following day, Chen’s wife reported him as missing. Chen then uploaded another video, saying that they had escaped their captors and that he had been hurt.

Liu Yu, a social media influencer, doubted the truth of these claims and used the videos posted to find them. Liu’s investigation showed they had not escaped, as they said, and had just run in a circle. He also raised questions about why they would still have equipment for live streaming if truly in danger. This caused the police to look further into the situation.

The men were found in a hotel and displayed to



the media with the props in their room. For causing trouble to public safety and harming the city’s reputation, their actions resulted in a two-year jail sentence and a significant fine.

Human trafficking related to online scams is a significant problem in Cambodia, with Sihanoukville as a key hotspot. While most victims are men from Asia, others come from as far as Africa and Latin America, showing the global **reach** of this problem.

Reading Comprehension

- () 1. Which of the following about Chen and Lu can be inferred from the passage? (supporting details)
- (A) They promoted a new video series by kidnapping victims.
 (B) They pretended to be in danger and needed assistance.
 (C) They were sentenced in Cambodia for human trafficking.
 (D) They didn't escape the captors and suffered serious torture.
- () 2. Which of the following is closest in meaning to the word “**reach**” in the last paragraph? (words in context)
- (A) Influence. (B) Majority. (C) Schedule. (D) Judgment.
- () 3. Why did the two Taiwanese YouTubers upload videos claiming they had been kidnapped? (inference)
- (A) To seek attention and help. (B) To display their acting skills.
 (C) To promote a new video series. (D) To attract followers on YouTube.
- () 4. Which of the following pictures best illustrates the main idea of the passage?

(A)



(C)



(B)



(D)



Vocabulary and Phrases

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| 1. kidnapping; kidnap <i>n.</i> ; <i>v.</i> 綁架(案); 綁架 | 4. influencer <i>n.</i> 有影響力的人 | 7. prop <i>n.</i> 道具 |
| 2. scam <i>n.</i> 詐騙 | 5. investigation <i>n.</i> 調查 | 8. reputation <i>n.</i> 名聲 |
| 3. captor <i>n.</i> 劫持者 | 6. equipment <i>n.</i> 設備 | 9. hotspot <i>n.</i> 熱門地方 |

Michigan Mother Sentenced for Son's Crimes

In Michigan, Jennifer Crumbley, 45, was found guilty by a jury for failing to prevent her son from committing a school shooting. This case 1 her the first U.S. parent to be convicted for this sort of carelessness.

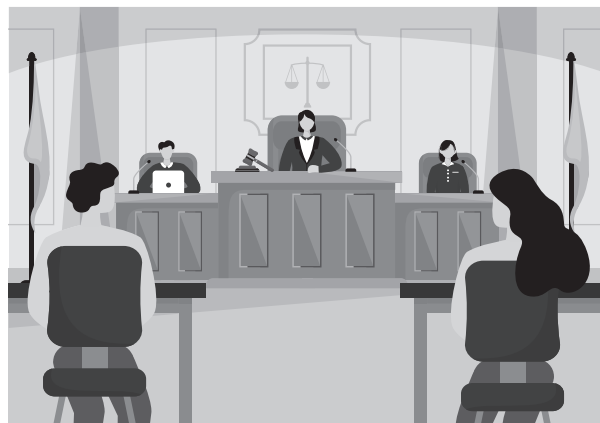
Ethan Crumbley, her 17-year-old son, is serving a life sentence 2 shooting and killing four students and hurting seven others at Oxford High School in November 2021. Jennifer, who showed no emotion upon hearing the result of her 3, faces the possibility of fifteen years in jail.

Central to the case was whether Jennifer could have predicted and prevented the crime. The couple had bought the gun 4 in the shooting just days earlier. Meanwhile, their son had needed and sought mental health support but did not receive it.

This mother, admitting that she didn't think her son had mental health difficulties, had in turn ignored a concerning drawing he made on the day of the

shooting and cut short the meeting the school had set up to discuss the situation. The school then sent him back to class without checking his backpack where he had hid the gun.

This case suggests that parents might face similar charges in future similar situations. 5, some believe this case's uniqueness may not broadly influence future legal actions. Jennifer may have failed to see her son's need for help, but she blames her husband for the gun's presence. Her son did not testify.



Cloze

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| () 1. (A) lets | (B) gets | (C) causes | (D) makes |
| () 2. (A) for | (B) as | (C) with | (D) from |
| () 3. (A) site | (B) report | (C) trial | (D) problem |
| () 4. (A) uses | (B) used | (C) using | (D) to use |
| () 5. (A) Moreover | (B) However | (C) Especially | (D) Therefore |

Vocabulary and Phrases

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| 1. guilty <i>adj.</i> 有罪的 | 4. commit <i>v.</i> 犯(罪); 做(壞事) | 7. predict <i>v.</i> 預料, 預測 |
| 2. jury <i>n.</i> 陪審團 | 5. convict <i>v.</i> 判定有罪 | 8. uniqueness <i>n.</i> 獨特(性) |
| 3. prevent <i>v.</i> 防止 | 6. jail <i>n.</i> 監獄 | 9. testify <i>n.</i> 出庭作證 |

譯

假綁架案

臺灣 YouTuber 陳能釗和魯祖顯在柬埔寨西港被捕，西港以網路詐騙集團聞名。他們上傳了影片，聲稱自己被綁架並需要幫助。這些說法引起了很多關注，但人們很快就開始提出疑問。

陳和魯(網名「晚安小雞」和「阿鬧」)分享了一段影片談論他們所處的危險。隔天，陳的妻子報告說他失蹤了。陳隨後上傳了另一段影片，聲稱他們已經逃脫了綁架者，而且他受傷了。

網路紅人劉宇懷疑這些說法的真實性，並用那些已發布的影片尋找他們。劉的調查顯示，他們並沒有像他們所說的那樣逃跑，只是繞著跑了一圈。他也提出了疑問，如果他們真的處於危險之中，為什麼還會有設備可供直播。這引起了警方進一步的調查。

這些人在一家旅館被發現，並向媒體展示了他們房間裡的道具。他們的行為擾亂公共安全、損害城市聲譽，他們因此被判處兩年徒刑並處以巨額罰款。

與網路詐騙相關的人口販運是柬埔寨的一個嚴重問題，而西港是一個主要熱點地區。大多數受害者是來自亞洲的男性，而其他受害者則來自非洲和拉丁美洲，顯示這是個全球性的問題。

譯

密西根州母親因兒子犯罪被判刑

在密西根州，45 歲的 Jennifer Crumbley 因未能防止兒子做出校園槍擊事件而被陪審團判定有罪。此案使她成為第一位因此類粗心疏忽而被定罪的美國家長。

她 17 歲的兒子 Ethan Crumbley 因 2021 年 11 月在牛津高中槍殺四名學生、並傷害另外七人而被判無期徒刑。Jennifer 面臨十五年監禁的可能性，她在聽到審判結果時沒有表現出任何情緒。

此案的核心是 Jennifer 是否能夠預料並防止犯罪。這對夫婦幾天前才購買了槍擊事件中所使用的槍。同時，他們的兒子需要並尋求心理健康支持，但未能得到。

這名母親承認，她不認為兒子有心理健康問題，而忽略了他在槍擊當天所畫的一張令人擔憂的圖畫，並縮短了學校為討論這一情況而安排的會議。學校接著將他送回課堂，沒有檢查他藏了槍的背包。

此案表明，未來父母在類似的情況下可能會面臨類似的指控。然而，有些人認為此案的獨特性可能不會廣泛影響未來的法律訴訟。Jennifer 未能注意到兒子需要幫助，但卻將持有槍支歸咎於她的丈夫。她的兒子沒有出庭作證。

閱讀測驗解答：1. B 2. A 3. D 4. C

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