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KANSAS CITY (AP) - A Taiwanese official accused of underpaying and overworking her housekeeper has been jailed in Kansas City.

She faces a federal labor charge that experts say has rarely, if ever, been applied to a foreign official.

Hsien-Hsien Liu is director general of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Kansas City. The office maintains unofficial relations between the United States and Taiwan and is similar to a foreign government consulate, although the U.S. doesn't recognize Taiwan as a sovereign state.

Liu was arrested Thursday and is being held without bond until a hearing Wednesday. Court records do not list an attorney for her.

Prosecutors say Liu's case is unique because she is charged with fraudulently recruiting her housekeeper to come to the U.S. as well as mistreating her.

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