A FAMILY planning employee of the Longgang Subdistrict Government has apologized for aiding counterparts in Fujian Province to enforce tubal ligation of a migrant woman in Shenzhen.

The employee, Luo Ganquan, apologized to Luo Ashui, a migrant worker whose hukou, or permanent residency, was in Penghua Township, Nan’an County in Fujian Province. He claimed he did not realize that family planning employees in Fujian “forced the sterilization surgery.”

Luo admitted negligence because he did not introduce himself and others when they went to see the family. He left early.

Luo led the others to the family in an apartment in Longxin Community in Longgang Subdistrict at the request of four family planning employees from Fujian on Oct. 24. Although the mother, Zhao, protested, saying her baby was only four months old, the four men grabbed Zhao, forced her out of the apartment and into a van and drove away.

They locked Zhao in an isolated room in her hometown and conducted enforced surgery the following day.

“A man threatened to lock me in the room until I agreed to the surgery, I was afraid and finally agreed,” Zhao said.

After the surgery, Zhao and her husband returned to Shenzhen.

Fujian township employees, Su and Ye, who participated in this violent action, told yesterday’s Daily Sunshine that they had tried to persuade Zhao to undergo the surgery but she refused.

Luo was sorry he had not prevented the incident from happening and had not followed proceedings to the end or called police.

The family accepted Luo’s apology, but the incident caused anger among netizens who criticized the violence.
According to Luo, there were regulations covering "regional cooperation" in family planning. The Penghua township team went to Shenzhen with a letter from the township government and headed by a deputy township leader.

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