

# Alleged QC fixer falls

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Operatives from the Quezon City Business Permits and Licensing Department (BPLD) on Saturday reported that they have arrested an alleged fixer for falsifying documents for a business permit.

In a statement, BPLD head Ma. Margarita Santos said that the suspect — identified as Myline Rivero of Barangay Lourdes, Quezon City — submitted a fake Locational Clearance that she applied for dated 29 July 2019, when it conducted a post-evaluation of her application for a business permit.

The Locational Clearance is one of the pertinent requirements in applying for business permits and Santos noted that there were no records of the fake documents submitted by the suspect when it was checked with the City Planning and Development Office.

The BPLD also charged two alleged employees of the Valenzuela City Hall — identified as Catherine Brondo and Normita Dimalanta — whom the suspect named as the source of her falsified documents in exchange for P50,000.

Rivero is now in custody of the Quezon City Police. Under Article 172 of the Revised Penal Code of the Philippines, "the penalty of prison correccional in its medium and maximum periods and a fine of not more than P5,000 pesos shall be imposed upon any private individual who shall commit any of the falsifications in any public or official document or letter of exchange or any other kind of commercial document." Santos also called on local residents to avoid dealing with fixers as the BPLD has already implemented reforms to hasten the processing of permits and licenses and urged the public to furnish them with genuine copies of required documents and not to resort to fraud in applying for permits and other licenses.