

Crackdown vs 'extra service' intensifies

Quezon City is relentless on taking down massage parlors that offer a 'happy ending'

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The **Quezon City Police District (QCPD)** is intensifying its campaign against spas and massage parlors that serve as prostitution dens and offer "extra service" to customers. With its escalating crackdown on these kinds of massage parlors, the QCPD had raided once again an establishment where "happy endings" are being offered.

On Sunday, QCPD Station 11 in Galas swooped in on Intensecity Spa which was allegedly serving as front for prostitution along E. Rodriguez cor. Hemady St. and rescued three female and three male therapists, one female receptionist and three male personnel. According to P/Maj. Bernardo Pascua Jr., acting Station 11 commander, the raid was conducted with the Department for Women, Children and Persons with Disabilities, Women and Children Protection Desk, **Social Services and Development Department (SSDD)**, **Quezon City General Hospital** and **Business Permits and Licensing Department** as part of the team.

Pascua said that the operation stemmed from several reports by concerned customers that the said spa was used as prostitution den where female and male therapists offer extra sexual service.

Authorities turned over four female massage therapists to the custody of the SSDD while appropriate charges will be filed against the registered owner of the place before the Quezon City Prosecutor Office.

To recall, the QCPD also conducted an operation on Valentine's Day and raided In-florscense Spa along Roosevelt Avenue in Barangay San Antonio, where nine female massage therapists were rescued from the establishment while charges for violation of the Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act of 2002 were slapped against the owner, Ivie Estor Haller, who remains at large.

P/Lt. Col. Rodrigo Soriano, Station 2 commander, said they conducted the raid after receiving information from concerned customers that the establishment was offering extra service to its customers.

QC Mayor Joy Belmonte, meantime, lauded the QCPD for its relentless drive against these kinds of establishments.

"We thank the QCPD for its untiring and relentless campaign to get rid our city of illicit massage parlors," said Belmonte, who recently ordered the QCPD to launch a massive crackdown against the illegal activity of some massage parlors in the city.

Belmonte said with the help of the police, she is confident the illegal operation of spa and massage parlors will be put to a stop.