

Belmonte orders investigation of drunk cop who shot student

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Quezon City Mayor Joy Belmonte has ordered the city's People's Law Enforcement Board (PLEB) to investigate a member of the Quezon City Police District (QCPD), who allegedly shot a 22-year-old student while drunk.

"While I acknowledge that the QCPD is our partner in maintaining peace and order, it must be clear that I have no tolerance for rotten policemen in Quezon City," Belmonte said.

She directed PLEB executive director Rafael Calinisan to act on the complaint filed by Adrienne Castor against Cpl. Reymark Rigor.

Investigation showed that Rigor allegedly shot Castor in Barangay Sacred Heart while the student was in a Grab car on his way home on Feb. 8.

"Our resolute action is the only way we can alleviate the anguish of the complainant and his family. I want to reassure the public that Quezon City is a safe place to be in, where no police abuses are allowed," Belmonte said.

The victim also filed a complaint against two other police officers for allegedly downplaying his injury and describing the incident merely as "physical injuries" instead of a more serious crime.

Police have filed charges of frustrated murder and violation of the Omnibus Election Code against Rigor before the city prosecutor's office, according to QCPD director Brig. Gen. Remus Medica.

Rigor, 28, posted P200,000 bail, but he remains under restrictive custody at the QCPD headquarters while undergoing hearing on his summary dismissal proceedings for grave misconduct.

Two other police officers – S/Sgt. Bryan Busto and Cpl. Jaycee Tordil – were relieved from their posts for neglect of duty for their alleged failure to conduct a thorough probe of the incident.