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QCPD urged to ensure smooth flow of traffic on Nov. 1 and 2

Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. directed yesterday operatives of the Central Police District and QC traffic enforcers to coordinate their efforts to ensure peace and order and smooth flow of traffic during the observance of All Saints' Day on Nov. 1.

Under the mayor's directive, police and traffic enforcers shall work hand in hand to ensure that peace and order is maintained in the city's seven public and private cemeteries, churches, malls, and bus terminals on All Saints' and All Souls' Day on Nov. 1 and 2.

"With the influx of people visiting these areas during the observance of All Saints' Day, we should bear in mind that these areas may also be considered as "high risk spots" for some lawless elements considering the recent spate of bomb threats sweeping across the country," Belmonte said.

As for its part, the CPD launched yesterday "Oplan: Kaluluwa" to help manage the flow of traffic in Quezon City during the observance of All Saint's Day on Nov. 1.

P/Supt. Oscar Mariñas, CPD deputy district director for operations, said that "Oplan Kaluluwa" will be extended even after All Saints' Day until the Christmas season on Jan. 3 next year to help ensure the safety and protection of promenaders and shoppers in malls, and churchgoers, especially during the start of Simbang Gabi.

As this developed, the city government, through the DPOS and CPD, will hold an orientation seminar on bomb threat and prevention today at the Amoranto Multi-Purpose Hall on Roces Ave. from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Manuel Sabalza, DPOS chief, said the one-day seminar is part and parcel of the city government's efforts in preserving peace and protecting the city residents amidst bomb attacks by terrorist groups.

Enjoined to attend the seminar are the city's 142 barangay captains and barangay tanod executive officers.

To be discussed during the seminar are "How to handle bomb threats, calls and counter measures, terrorist profile and explosives identification," among others.

Mayor Belmonte, National Capital Region Police Office Director Gen. Reynaldo Velasco, and CPDO director Sr. Supt. Napoleon Castro will deliver inspirational messages.

Apart from the deployment of police operatives, "Oplan: Kaluluwa" also involves the setting up of police assistance centers and complaint desks not only in the city cemeteries, but inside malls and church vicinities, to address petty crimes committed only during the observance of All Saints' Day and throughout the duration of the Christmas season.

About 400 city traffic enforcers will be fielded along main roads leading to the city's cemeteries as early as Oct. 31 to prevent traffic congestion and ensure the safety of the people who will flock to the cemeteries to pay respect to their departed loved ones. The seven cemeteries in Quezon City are the La Loma Cemetery, Holy Cross Memorial Park, Parokya ng Pagkabuhay Cemetery, Novaliches Municipal Cemetery, Himlayang Pilipino Memorial Park, Baesa Cemetery, and Eternal Gardens.

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QC: Police to ensure order

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— **Pia Lee-Brago**

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FAMILY OF AWARDEES. Quezon City Councilor Eric Z. Medina, P/Supt. Raul Z. Medina and SPO4 Reynaldo Z. Medina Jr., pose with their mother Adelina Medina (center) and sisters Nini and Elma (extreme right), and Mrs. Aurora Medina (extreme left) wife of Supt. Madina, after they had been awarded by the CPD Officers during its 12th year Anniversary for constant support and cooperation to the police; best police unit in CPD; and best Non-Commission Police Officer, respectively. (Art Torres)

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HOME-MADE FIREARMS. Chief Supt. Rodolfo Tor (right), Central Police District (CPD) director, presents the improvised guns seized from suspects Jun Abiliganas and Wilfredo Anod during a drugs buy-bust operation in Batasan Hills, Quezon City. Seized from the suspects were the home-made firearms and the illegal drug "shabu." Looking on are Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. (left), Supt. Rosendo Franco and Supt. Jufel Adriatico, CPD spokesman. (Art Torres)

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The Philippine STAR

QC cops who die in line of duty get assistance

Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. has signed an executive order granting financial assistance to operatives of the Central Police District (CPD) who die in the line of duty.

The order, which took effect May 24, among others, awards P30,000 to any police officer of the CPD in active service who dies in the line of duty. The amount includes burial and financial assistance to the surviving dependents of the law enforcers, over and above the other benefits and renumerations they are entitled to under the law.

In issuing the executive order, Belmonte said the grant is a manifestation of the city government's recognition of the vital contribution of law enforcers in the maintenance of peace and order in the city.

The term "in the line of duty" or "in the performance of duty" shall include all officials and lawful acts of a police officer, such as when making a lawful arrest, doing an investigation, or actually reporting for work or on duty.

The benefits provided under the order shall be made payable to the officer's dependents upon presentation of proof of relationship or dependency, death certificate, an incident report and certification coming from the CPD director attesting that said police officer was on duty at the time of his/her death.

Belmonte directed concerned city offices and departments to release all available funds necessary for the payment of the benefits.

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MANILA BULLETIN
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QC cops pressed on crime drive, nab holdup suspects

Central Police District Office (CPDO) director Chief Supt. Rodolfo Asel Tor told his men yesterday that in order to gain public trust and confidence, they should help protect the welfare of the people of Quezon City.

As this developed, the CPDO intensified its campaign against illegal activities and crimes in the city.

He said two suspected male robbers were nabbed recently by members of CPDO mobile patrol unit and the criminal investigation unit.

Investigation disclosed that at about 12:40 a.m. yesterday along Commonwealth Avenue, near the corner of Tandang Sora Ave. QC, Rogelio Cabaltica, 42, married, taxi driver and residing at 15 San Mateo Street, Sitio Pugot, Barangay Silangan, was driving a white Toyota Corolla XL taxi cab, in front of the Sandiganbayan building, Batasan Hills, when the suspects hailed his cab and asked him to take them to SSS Zabarte, QC.

While they were traveling along Commonwealth Ave., the suspects pulled out their homemade guns, and demanded the wallet of the victim.

Luckily, Cabaltica saw some policemen patrolling the area and alerted SPO1 Mauro Calimlim that he was being heldup by the two men.

The suspects were surprised, panicked, and were nabbbed. One of the suspects was identified as Danilo Binto, 40, single, jobless, of Zabarte, Novaliches, QC. The suspects were thrown in jail, facing charges of attempted robbery, violation of Presidential Decree 1866 and the Omnibus Election Code. (Peter Garcia Flores)

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The Manila Times
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Mystery surrounds abduction of Korean national

JEFFERSON ANTIPORDA

POLICE are now verifying reports about the abduction of a Korean national reportedly taken by unidentified men inside his office in Quezon City.

According to reports from the Central Police District (CPD) reportedly missing was Peter Wo of KMT Trading along Kaingin Road in Barangay Apolonio Samson.

Police said 10 uniformed armed men entered the victims' office and snatched him this is according to Jose Bacatio, the company security guard.

Source from the National Capital Region Police Office (NCRPO) said they are now gathering information that would shed light to the incident.

"At present our authorities are presently collecting information but we will not confirm nor deny the incident," the source said.

He added they are still looking for the possibility that Wo might be arrested since the men who took him was sporting police uniforms.

"The victim could be abducted or arrested and we are still confirming these reports."

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POLICE
Manila Standard
May 31 2002

Police covering up QC car thefts

4 vehicles stolen in 7 hours

By Rio N. Araja

Authorities are hiding information about the stolen vehicles of Lipa Mayor Vilma Santos of Batangas and a ranking official of San Miguel Corp. to debunk reports that Quezon City is Metro Manila's "carnapping capital."



SANTOS

A source said the Traffic Management Unit of Central Police District deliberately hid information about the stolen vehicles from media. Santos, an actress, reportedly lost her Nissan Cefiro (TLM-930) last May 16.

Joel Santos, the mayor's younger brother, parked the car in front of City Champ Café on Katipunan Road. When he returned around 2 a.m., the car was missing.

The source also said SMC senior vice president Ramon Dellalana lost his Nissan Terano in Quezon City over the weekend.

Meanwhile, four vehicles were reportedly lost to unidentified car thieves in a span of seven hours since Sunday.

Four men flagged down a taxi (PWB-574) driven by a certain Noel Calagui along Scout Chuatoco Street in Barangay Roxas District around 9:20 p.m. Sunday.

The men, at gunpoint, ordered Calagui to step down from his taxi and took off with it.

Michael Dizon, 20, was about to park his Honda Civic (MKM-777) in front of his home in Barangay Paltok when five men, armed with M-16 Armalite rifles, appeared from behind and ordered him to get off around 11:30 p.m. Sunday.

Margarita Cabanles was driving her Mitsubishi Lancer (PYJ-128) when armed men blocked her path along Ilang-Ilang Street and Commonwealth Avenue around 3 p.m. yesterday.

Four armed men approached driver Roque Cabahug while resting inside his jeepney (XLP-476) on Mabilog Street, Barangay Culiat around 4:30 a.m.

The suspects dragged the victim off his jeepney and sped away.

Accidental shooting

Meanwhile, a Manila policeman is facing homicide charges for accidentally shooting his 18-year-old houseboy in the face while tinkering with his homemade shotgun in Antipolo City Sunday.

PO1 Jose Aldrin de la Peña, 30, detailed at Western Police District support unit, is detained at Antipolo City jail for the fatal shooting of Jayson Unno. He is facing homicide and illegal possession of firearms charges.

SPO1 Leo Magno, case investigator, said the rookie policeman was showing a homemade shotgun to Unno at 12:15 a.m. while inside their home in 34 Mississippi St., Carolina Subdivision, Brgy. Sta. Cruz, Antipolo.

De la Peña tinkered with the shotgun but was shocked when it went off, hitting Unno on his right cheek.

He rushed the bloodied Unno to the nearest hospital, but physicians failed to revive the victim.

The policeman voluntarily surrendered to the Antipolo police, who confiscated the shotgun for ballistics examination and subjected De la Peña to a paraffin test.

Grave threats

In Manila, a policeman and a companion are accused of threatening a *balikbayan* during a homecoming party in Sta. Ana, Manila after midnight Sunday.

PO1 Joseph Halago was accused of accosting neighbor Jeanette Tanaka, 27, at a residential tenement in Punta, Sta. Ana, at 1 a.m.

No details of the confrontation were immediately available, but police said the policeman and the complainant were both drunk when the incident took place.

Investigation showed that the incident stemmed from a party hosted by Tanaka, who recently returned to the Philippines from Japan where she married a Japanese.

With Dennis Carcamo, Joel Locsin

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Sun., May 5, 2002

Traffic cops told to strictly observe NCRPO project items

By PETER GARCIA FLORES

Police Senior Supt. Philmore Balmaceda and Senior Inspector Danilo O. Cornelio, director and sector commander of the Central Police District Traffic Enforcement Office (CDTEO) respectively warn policemen who are assigned in Quezon City to observe carefully the itemized duties and responsibilities made by the National Capital Region Police Office (NCRPO).

Balmaceda and Cornelio's directives came after receiving reports that there are policemen from the Central Police District (CPD) who are "moonlighting" after office hours.

"These policemen, who are not assigned here in our sector but they are regularly seen conducting traffic and apprehending violators but what they are doing are creating maliciousness in the public since they usually post in dimly lit areas and places where there are no regular traffic cops," Balmaceda said.

The project item is made by NCRPO chief Police Deputy Director General Edgardo Aglipay for purposes of accounting personnel assigned in specific areas. Based on this project item "no policeman is allowed to transfer from one place to another unless there is a necessity and with permission from his commander," Cornelio pointed out.

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CPD destroys thousands of seized pirated VCDs

■ By M. PUNONGBAYAN
Correspondent

THE Central Police District destroyed a truck load of pirated video compact discs (VCDs) at the Quezon City Hall yesterday.

Police said the pirated products were seized from a warehouse in Novaliches, Quezon City, during a raid conducted by a composite team of the CPD and the Videogram Regulatory Board (VRB).

Supt. Jufel Adriatico, CPD spokesman, said the alleged leader of the syndicate escaped before the raiding team arrived.

Adriatico said the CPD's Criminal Investigation Unit (CIU) led by Supt. Raul Medina were able to seize thousands of pirated VCDs that were loaded in big cargo truck.

The illegal items were brought to the VRB office and were ordered destroyed yesterday morning at the Quezon City Hall compound.

Adriatico said the pirated VCDs have been proliferating in local markets and have been the main problem of record and movie producers and artists.

He admitted that the illegally produced VCDs of musical records and movies are sold at cheap prices and has become quite popular among consumers especially those who cannot afford the original VCDs.

Adriatico said that most of the pirated VCDs are defective and have inferior quality that could damage VCD players.

Mayor Feliciano Belmonte has ordered the crackdown against pirated VCDs in Quezon City after President Arroyo announced that the unlawful production or duplication of records and movies is a form of economic sabotage.

Belmonte had ordered CPD director, Chief Supt. Rodolfo Tor, to supervise the operations against VCD pirates. "This police action translates into a victory for legitimate producers and traders who have long been victimized by these unscrupulous and sinister traders of pirated VCDs," Tor said.

Tor warned manufacturers and producers of the pirated products that they would be arrested by the police. "We will get them," he said.

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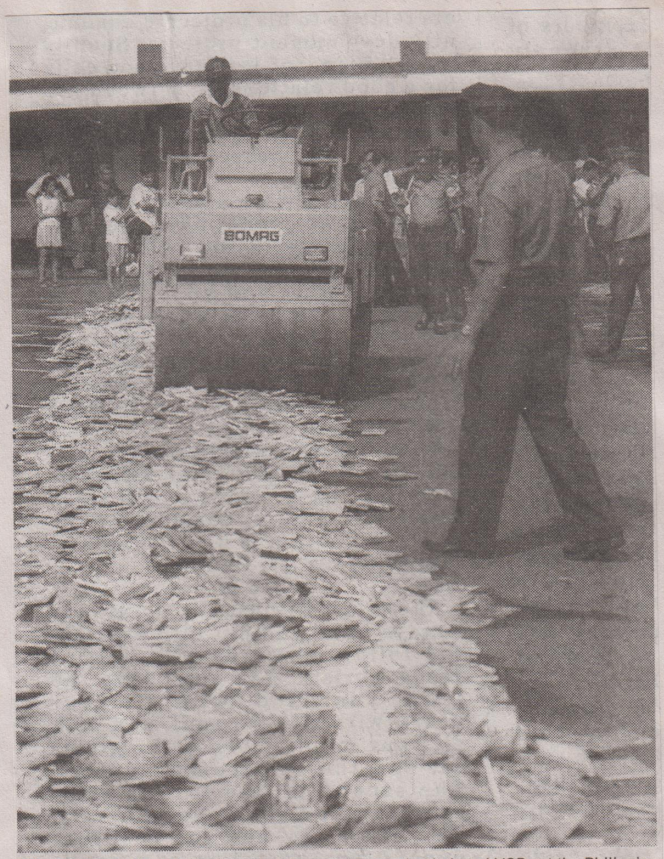

CRUSHED. Cops use a bulldozer to destroy thousands of pirated VCDs at the Philippine National Police headquarters in Camp Crame. PHOTO BY RENE DILAN

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Project Oyster launched in QC

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by: RICO NAVARRO

In pursuit of President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo's economic recovery program, the Central Police District (CPD) recently launched the Out-of-School Youth Towards Economic Recovery or Project Oyster, an emergency economic assistance program for out of school youths (OSYs) in Quezon City.

In a report submitted to Interior and Local Government Secretary Jose D. Lina Jr., CPD head Police Chief Supt. Rodolfo Tor said Project Oyster is designed to provide employment assistance and skills enhancement training to 3,000 out-of-school youths in Quezon City as initial target beneficiaries for this year.

The program comprises three project components, namely, emergency work placements, education and training, and sports development to help uplift the plight of OSYs in the city.

Tor said that at present, a total of 150 OSYs are undergoing various livelihood and skills training since the program started implementation early this year.

He said included in the program are various livelihood activities such as Gupit, Manicure at iba pa or GMA, Wash and Watch-your-car Oysters. Ambulant vending, meat processing, soap making, quilting, ballroom dancing and other income-generating activities.

"Aside from the livelihood assistance component of the project, the OSYs will also be extended with education and skills training in computer operation, rescue operation, value formation and sports development to prepare them to become better citizens," Tor said.

On the one hand, Secretary Lina said the program is being implemented to rehabilitate and rescue OSYs from illegal drugs and other illegal activities that would hamper their growth as productive individuals.

"Through this program, we hope to make them (OSYs) as our partner in undertaking productive activities that would help contribute in the development of their communities and the country in general," Lina said.

Project Oyster is being implemented by the CPD in cooperation with various government agencies such as Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), the Quezon City government, and other business, religious and civic groups.

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QC rob gangs busted

By MATTHEW ESTABILLO

The campaign of the Quezon City government and the Central Police District (CPD) against crime scored a major breakthrough with the arrest of 12 alleged robbers in three separate operations.

Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. and CPD director Chief Superintendent Rodolfo Tor presented yesterday to media the alleged members of two armed robbery gangs, believed to be responsible for a series of holdup cases victimizing commuters in Quezon City.

Belmonte commended the CPD for its "intense effort to wipe out criminals." The mayor said the CPD's program to make Quezon City safe against crimes is part of his plan for residents "to have a better place to live in."

The first group of robbery suspects, who were collared after two months of surveillance, are now detained at the CPD headquarters awaiting criminal charges.

They were identified as Eugene Dumlao, 25; Ryan Gemora, 20; Michael Banaga, 22; Rod Tuazon, 35; Mike Lampa, 26; Antonio Baluti, 28; Ronald Prospero, 28; and Darwin Sala, 24.

Reports said policemen were patrolling the area of Commonwealth Avenue and Eliptical Road at about 9 p.m. the other day when they saw a Toyota FX taxi leaving a gate of what looked like a safehouse.

The police said suspects Dumlao, Gemora and Banga were on board the vehicle. Before they could pick up any passengers whom they would eventually rob, policemen stopped their vehicle and accosted the suspects.

As the cops frisked the suspects, they found two handguns, reports said. Dumlao was the said to be the driver of the vehicle while Gemora and Banga posed as passengers. Follow-up operations led to the arrest of the robbers' other companions.

Also recovered from the suspects were two Toyota FX taxi cabs with plate numbers WBE-969 and PYE-953 and several bullets.

The four other robbery suspects were arrested after they robbed two Korean students who were walking along Holy Spirit Drive, Quezon City, the police said.

Suspects Allan Cerda, 26; Jayson Catanyag, 25; Edwin Samson, 27; and Allan Dizon, all residents of Marikina City, were charged with robbery.

The complainants, Jang Seok Wong, 25 and Sagong Sujoeng, both students at the Global Foundation School, told investigators that the suspects divested them of their cash and ATM cards.

Reports showed that the victims were walking home at about 12 a.m. when the suspects, onboard a Tamaraw FX van, alighted from the vehicle and blocked their path.

At gunpoint, the suspects demanded that the victims hand over their belongings. The victims complied, but a passing motorist alerted the police about the robbery and the suspects were arrested.



ROBBERY SUSPECTS: Mayor Feliciano 'Sonny' Belmonte Jr. inspects a handgun seized from one of the 12 robbery suspects arrested by the police. With the mayor are Central Police District director Chief Superintendent Rodolfo Tor, Senior Inspector Anthony Rodolfo and Superintendent Rogelio Qiuilang.
BOY SANTOS

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10 MANILA BULLETIN, Fri., Jan. 4, 2002

QC police nab elusive four holdup gang men

By SEL A. BAYSA

An elusive four holdup gang members victimizing passengers onboard passenger jeepneys and buses on Aurora Blvd. in Cubao, Quezon City were nabbed and were filed criminal charges early this week.

Police Supt. Raul Z. Medina, chief of the Central Police District Criminal Investigation Units (CPD-CIU), told a radio interview that the suspects, all in their early 20s, were identified by at least a dozen persons whom they victimized in the past weeks.

Rommel Madlangbayan, one of the victims, has reportedly sought the help of the CPD-CIU authorities, through Police Sr. Inspector Santiago Pascual, upon seeing the suspects walking along A. Blvd. before midnight last Dec. 30.

Madlangbayan said he was among passengers onboard a "Tamaraw FX" whom the suspects, at knife point, divested of his personal belongings last November 19.

Reacting to Madlangbayan's appeal, Pascual led a CPD-CIU team who motored to A. Blvd. and arrested the suspects who gave themselves up without any resistance.

Medina identified the suspects as Meriel de Leon of Marikina City and Norman Sombillo, Elman Lipa and Garry Susi all of QC.

Medina told CPD Director Rodolfo Tor that the police recovered from the suspects fan knives and three pieces of "Nokia" cellular phones believed taken from their victims.

The police said the suspects sport "Bahala na Gang" and "Sputnik Gang" tatoos in various parts of the latter's body.

"At least a dozen holdup victims have positively identified the four as those who robbed them up of cash and valuables while onboard a public utility vehicle during a confrontation at the CPD-CIU headquarters in Camp Karingal.

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THE PHILIPPINE STAR

10 SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2001

Relieved QC cop denies charges

The chief of the homicide section of the Central Police District (CPD), who, with another ranking CPD official and six of their men, was ordered relieved by Metro Manila police chief Director Edgar Aglipay, denied yesterday the harassment and extortion charges made by a Filipino-Chinese businessman they had arrested for estafa.

Senior Inspector Rudy Jaraza, chief of the homicide section, said David So's arrest was a "legitimate arrest with legal and valid warrants."

Also ordered relieved by Aglipay were Superintendent Raul Medina, Criminal Investigation Unit (CIU) chief, Senior Police Officer 3 Celso Jerezano, SPO1 Mangaong, SPO1 Placide, PO2 Rolly Azurin, PO1 Patinio, and PO1 Fonsico.

Jaraza said CPD head, Chief Superintendent Rodolfo Tor was set to meet with Philippine National Police (PNP) Director General Leandro Mendoza yesterday to explain the embattled law enforcers' side. **The STAR** tried but failed to reach Tor for comment.

Jaraza added that So has simply used the media to "harass" the policemen who arrested him. So has yet to file formal charges against the lawmen in the Quezon City Regional Trial Court (RTC).

Jaraza said there were four warrants issued for So's arrest by RTCs in Pasig, Makati, and Quezon City for estafa and violation of Batasang Pambansa 22 or the Anti-Bouncing Checks Law involving millions of pesos.

One of the judges, Sixto Marella Jr., of the Makati RTC Branch 138 issued an Alias Warrant for So with no bail recommended. Police had since been hot on the businessman's trail but he earlier managed to elude arrest.

So, 56, was finally arrested last Dec. 21 at 2 a.m. by CPD operatives led by SPO3 Jerezano at the Manila Bay KTV bar along Roxas Boulevard in Pasay City. Police records showed that So, of 26 P. Halili St., Caloocan City, was brought to the CPD headquarters in Sikatuna Village in Quezon City at around 2:50 a.m.

Jaraza said the operation was carried out by the homicide group, which was the alert team for that night, in coordination with the Pasay City police. He stressed that the fact that So was immediately brought to the police station "would only prove that the arresting officers could not have possibly extorted money from him."

Jaraza also said that the medical staff at St. Luke's Hospital could attest that the policemen treated So well, despite the policemen's misgivings about the businessman's claims of chest pains.

So had claimed that the arresting officers had bodily dragged him out of the club and his pleas to be brought to a hospital after he had difficulty breathing were initially ignored by the arresting team of policemen.

Jaraza, Medina, and their men were ordered investigated by Aglipay after the office of Interior Secretary Jose Lina forwarded a complaint filed by So's lawyer Eladio Ilao. — **Nikko Dizon**

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THE PHILIPPINE STAR

12 SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2001

9 QC cops canned, probed

The chiefs of the criminal investigation unit and homicide section of the Central Police District (CPD) and seven of their men involved in the alleged harassment and illegal arrest of a Filipino-Chinese businessman were ordered relieved yesterday by Metro Manila police chief Director Edgar Aglipay.

Aglipay also created a team headed by his deputy for administration Chief Superintendent Rowland Albano and the police legal service to conduct summary dismissal proceedings against the nine suspects following the near-death experience of their alleged victim, businessman David So.

Those relieved were Superintendent Raul Medina, CID chief of the CPD; his deputy Superintendent Jose Garcia; Superintendent Rudy Jaraza, chief of the CPD homicide section; SPO1 Celso Jerezano, SPO1 Mangaong, SPO1 Placide, PO1 Azurin, Po1 Patrinio and PO1 Fonsico.

"They are now being investigated," said Aglipay in an interview. "If they are found to have commited the crime as charged, they will be given the heaviest penalty."

By NON ALQUITRAN

Aglipay ordered CPD head, Chief Superintendent Rodolfo Tor, to arrest the nine suspects upon receipt of a complaint of So's lawyer, Eladio Hao, which was forwarded by the office of Interior Secretary Joey Lina.

Hao said his client was bodily dragged recently by the suspects out of the Manila Bay Club along Roxas Boulevard in Pasay City. The policemen were armed with photocopies of warrants of arrests against So for various estafa cases.

The lawyer alleged the policemen were only out to extort money from his client.

So reportedly asked his captors to bring him to the nearest hospital after he had difficulty breathing during his arrest. But his pleas was ignored. He was brought to the CPD headquarters in Sikatuna Village in Quezon City.

So was allowed later to phone his friend "to work things out." It was only then that Jaraza finally agreed to take him to a hospital. But the lawman left So at the hospital after learning that he had uffered a mild stroke and needs an immediate bypass operation. Hao said his client almost died due to the suspects' incompetence.

It was the second time Aglipay sacked Medina for alleged misdeeds. At the time of Philippine National Police (PNP) chief and now Sen. Ping Lacson, Medina, who was then the Pasay City police chief, was sacked after an inspection team videotaped his men "sleeping on the job" and not wearing proper uniforms.

Aglipay said he will not hesitate to dismiss the nine suspects from the service once found guilty as charged in the So case.

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Crime stats down in QC, CPD claims

"Statistics don't lie," thus, said Central Police District Director Chief Superintendent Rodolfo Tor as he belied reports that the peace and order situation in Quezon City has deteriorated.

In a press statement, Tor cited recent crime statistics which indicate that, contrary to reports, crime incidents in Quezon City remain at a very manageable level.

Tor said records even show that there has been a decrease in crime incidents recently. "For the period from Jan. 1 to Sept. 30, 2001, the automated PNP National Crime Reporting system (NCRS) recorded a total crime of 3,077 cases, compared to 3,724 of the same period last year. This figure translates to a decrease of 647 incidents or 17.37 percent," Tor's statement said.

"Among the crime categories, only homicide recorded an increase with nine incidents while all others decreased. Murder cases recorded a decrease with three cases; physical injuries with 112 cases; robbery with 17 cases; theft with 123 cases and rape with 26 cases," the statement added.

Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. has urged business establishments in the city to give their share in crime prevention by reporting unusual activities in their areas.

Tor has directed his police station commanders to integrate all security guards in a specific cluster to deter would be criminals or make it more difficult for them to execute their nefarious activities.

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Crime statistics

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

QC precinct chief accused of beating up 2 KTV men

By Philip C. Tubeza

A CENTRAL Police District (CPD) precinct commander is in hot water for allegedly beating up a KTV bar doorman and a parking attendant before dawn yesterday in Quezon City.

Inspector Cesar Tapalla Gerente was invited to the CPD-Criminal Investigation Unit for questioning after doorman Roger M. Unabia, 28, of Pleasant Hills Subdivision, San Jose del Monte, Bulacan, and parking attendant Jojo Santos, 19, filed a complaint against him, said investigator PO3 Ferdinand Paredes.

The two men are both employees of Eye-Ses Disco Club on Regalado Avenue Extension in North Fairview, Quezon City. They alleged that Gerente beat them up with the help of some of his men.

They said Gerente drove to his office to get money to pay his bill in the KTV bar. The alleged beating happened when he returned and accused the two men of not looking after his car, an old model white Ford.

Unabia said he was standing at the entrance when he saw Gerente arrive with six other policemen, four of whom were in uniform and two in civilian clothes, at about 3:30 a.m. The group allegedly began beating up Santos in an empty lot beside the bar, Unabia said.

"I did not know then who he was," Unabia said. "His companions who were in uniform did not have nameplates."

After beating Santos, they turned on him, Unabia said.

"He grabbed me by the collar and then he started punching and kicking me," Unabia said of Gerente.

He said that with the help of his men, Gerente dragged him inside the bar and continued beating him and banging his head on the wall.

"He then took a handcuff and hit me on my left temple," Unabia said.

Gerente and his companions then went upstairs to pay the officer's P4,000 bill.

Unabia thought that was the end of his suffering in the hands of Gerente. He was wrong.

He was already being comforted by his wife Amy outside the bar when Gerente came out and beat him up again, he said.

"He beat me up in front of my wife," the complainant said.

He said Gerente told him he had to go with them. "They did not say where and so I told them that my wife should go with me," Unabia said.

The group took the couple to the police precinct in front of SM Fairview. Unabia said he saw on the police bulletin board who Gerente was.

Gerente's anger abated only after he saw Unabia's boss arrive with a policeman from the Fairview police station.

"He said that we should patch things up and forget about what happened," Unabia said.

He said he refused.

Unabia and Santos went to the CIU yesterday to file their complaint. Paredes said Gerente was supposed to also go there yesterday to air his side.

But as of 2 p.m., Paredes said he was still waiting for the police official.

Gerente is facing charges of physical injuries, according to Paredes.

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LOCAL HISTORY

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 2001

QC shabu lab raided

POLICE seized some P10 million worth of shabu in liquid form in a raid last week on a Quezon City safe house suspected of being used by a group of Chinese drug traffickers and members of the Hong Kong triad as a laboratory for processing the illegal substance.

Police also found in the house at 577 P. Florentino Street in Barangay Lourdes, Quezon City, said to be rented by a Luis Ang, laboratory equipment apparently used to process shabu or methamphetamine hydrochloride.

The liquid shabu found was being processed into crystals, police said.

But they did not find Ang or any of the suspects in the house during the raid.

Reports reaching the acting Philippine National Police (PNP) chief, Deputy Director General Leandro Mendoza, said members of the National Drug Law Enforcement and Prevention Coordination Center (DEP-Center) raided the house on the strength of a search warrant issued by Judge Monina Zenarosa of Quezon City Regional Trial Court Branch 76.

After an analysis of the equipment and materials found in the lab, Deputy Director Gen. Jewel Canson, chief of the DEP Center, said his men theorized that the laboratory could produce at

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least 20 kilos of shabu daily or 600 kilos a month. Ang is believed to be an associate of suspected drug lord Yim Tat Chow who was arrested on Dec. 10 in Makati City during a buy-bust operation involving 35 kilos of shabu.

Chief Insp. Leonardo Suan of the DEP-Center Special Projects Office led the raiding team in confiscating the equipment and materials.

Yim's arrest led authorities five days later to a warehouse in Caloocan City where police found another 35 kilos of shabu hidden inside a bale of textile.

Rep. Ernesto Herrera (Lakas, Bohol) has urged Deputy Director Mendoza to order a manhunt for Ang.

"It is obvious that until his laboratory was discovered and dismantled, Ang was on top of a massive illicit operation that produced up to 140 kilos of shabu worth P280 million each week," said Herrera, founding chair of the Citizens' DrugWatch Foundation Inc. and former chair of the Senate special committee on illegal drugs.

Herrera also said Yim allegedly got his regular supply of shabu from Ang.

Dave M. Veridiano

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Slain QC cop's family seeks justice

The family of a slain Quezon City policeman urged yesterday Central Police District (CPD) director Victor Luga to launch a massive manhunt for the immediate arrest of one of two suspects who shot the lawman allegedly over the demolition of the suspects' stalls at the Manggahan Public Market in Fairview, Quezon City.

Investigation disclosed that Police Officer 2 Alberto Mallarpe, detailed at the Litex Police Station, was ordered to demolish stalls at the Manggahan Public Market following reports that the stalls cause vehicular traffic in the area.

It was before midnight when the two suspects, identified as Abdullah Macatangcal and Sonny Boy Muslim, gunned down Mallarpe using a .45 caliber pistol.

But Mallarpe managed to shoot Macatangcal who is now fighting for his life at the East Avenue Medical Center due to a lone gunshot wound on his forehead. (Rico C. Navarro)

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LOCAL HISTORY

METRO TODAY

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2000

C.P.D. DIRECTOR ORDERS MANHUNT FOR SUSPECT

Cop wounded in QC shootout

■ By JONATHAN MAYUGA
Correspondent

AN operative of the Central Police District and a civilian were wounded yesterday during a shootout with another operative in Batasan Hills, Quezon City.

SPO4 Adam Dapitan, assigned at the Anonas police station, sustained a bullet wound in his right foot while Raul Bagtas, an alleged police asset, had two bullet wounds in the chest. Both are now recuperating at the East Avenue Medical Center.

Chief Supt. Victor Luga, CPD director, had already ordered a manhunt against Senior Police Officer 1 George Solitario, who is presently assigned at the CPD District Police Intelligence Unit.

Initial police investigation disclosed that the shootout took place at around 1 a.m. along Dakila Street, Batasan Hills.

Allegedly, Dapitan and some of his colleagues were conducting surveillance operations on carjacking gangs operating in the area when they chanced upon a group of men who were unloading what they believed to be prohibited drugs from a green Lancer with license plate NRY 938.

When Dapitan and his men approached the suspects, Bagtas who identified himself as a police asset, and Solitario, who flashed his badge, came up and faced the police team.

A heated argument ensued between the two groups of policemen, leading Solitario to pull out his service firearm and shoot Dapitan in the foot. Dapitan returned fire, shooting Bagtas twice in the chest. Solitario immediately escaped and was pursued by Dapitan's group. They failed to apprehend him after he disappeared inside a squatter's area.

Solitario has yet to show up at the CPD office to shed light on the incident.

Luga believes that the shooting incident was triggered by a double cross in an illegal-drugs transaction involving the policemen as even the responding lawmen failed to recover any evidence from the crime scene.

The plastic bags of suspected drugs which were allegedly being unloaded from Solitario's car were also missing.

Luga vowed to get to the bottom of the incident and fire any lawmen who may be involved in any shenanigans.

Relatedly, Caloocan policemen are tracking five armed men who hogtied and robbed a Filipino Chinese family inside their house in Caloocan City the other day.

Senior Supt. Samuel Pagdilao Jr., director of the Caloocan police, said the unidentified suspects hogtied victims Teodoro Uy Chan, his wife Julie, mother Charito, and their family driver, Romy Dolorican, and carted away cash and valuables valued at P1 million.

Initial investigation disclosed that at around 6 a.m. yesterday, Dolorican was about to drive Chan's car out of the garage when the suspects, believed to be members of the Gapos Gang entered the gate and poked guns at him.

The suspects, all armed with handguns, ordered Dolorican to lead them inside the house where they hogtied the family members before ransacking the master's bedroom.

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LOCAL HISTORY
Cop
Shootout

MANILA BULLETIN, Tues., Sept. 19, 2000

QC cops on red alert

Central Police District Command (CPDC) director Chief Supt. Victor Luga deployed his men yesterday in the different key areas in Quezon City.

Luga's move was made following orders from Philippine National Police (PNP) chief Director General Panfilo Lacson to be on red alert for possible terroristic attacks.

Luga said that enough number of policemen (in uniform) together with Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) personnel are deployed since yesterday morning to beef up security in all Quezon City public places like malls, parks, church, schools among others.

The red alert status came after President Joseph Estrada, the AFP Commander-InChief ordered full military offensive against Abu Sayyaf Group to rescue the remaining hostages in Jolo, Sulu and to end their terroristic activities not only in Mindanao but all over the country.

Earlier, Interior and Local Government Secretary Alfredo S. Lim called on all the Metro Mayors to be on red alert for terroristic attacks and to enforce security measures in their respective areas of jurisdiction.

Lim said that the local government can't afford to be relaxed and be lenient with its security measures after the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) threatened to terrorize other areas of country including Metro Manila following the offensive launched by President Estrada to rescue the hostages.

Recently, in an attempt to terrorize Metro Manila, several bombs were planted in various malls in the metropolis which results to the death of a person and injury to several others. (Rico C. Navarro and Peter G. Flores)

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Hijack attempt in Novaliches foiled

Central Police District Operatives arrested the other day one of the suspects in the failed hijacking attempt of a delivery truck containing P100,000-worth of Marlboro cigarettes in Kingspoint Subdivision, Novaliches, Quezon City.

Suspect Servando Nacalawan, of 1051 Paciano Rizal St., Calamba, Laguna, one of the three fully armed hijackers who sustained two gunshot wounds in the buttocks, was brought to the hospital for treatment.

CPD District Director Victor Luga said Nacalawan and the two other armed men traded shots with a Special Action Force (SAF) member and a mobile crew a few meters away from the CPD Kingspoint community precinct at about 11 a.m. Thursday.

In his report to Luga, Police Station 4 commander, Superintendent Paterno Hernandez, said victim Rennet Manzano, driver of a JLS Merchandising delivery truck, told the police that a Nissan Sentra SE with plate number WLK 362 cut his path.

The car used by the suspects is believed to be a stolen vehicle.

PO2 Gerry Malapit, a member of SAF, noticed the commotion and fired a warning shot prompting the holdup men to scamper in different directions while trading shots with him, which caught the attention of a passing CPD mobile crew of PS-4 manned by Inspector Rizamindo Mallari and SPO2 Nino.

The mobile cops joined the chase and traded shots with the armed men. Nacalawan tried to escape by sneaking through the house of Dahlia Mariano at 31 Danak Compound, Kingspoint.

— **Pia Lee-Brago**

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LOCAL HISTORY

MANILA BULLETIN, Thurs., Sept. 14, 2000



ARRESTED. Engr. Corleto Fabillar, an employe of the Quezon City engineer's office, is being questioned by Central Police District (CPD) detachment chief Inspector Bevin Fabillar for allegedly issuing fake building permits. The city's fiscal's office charged him with graft and corruption and estafa. He was fined ₱44,000. (Art Torres)

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LOCAL HISTORY

Malaya
2 NEWS
Monday, September 11, 2000

QC cops tap radio network

The Central Police District has tapped the services of a radio communications group to beef-up its communication network.

Chief Supt. Victor Luga, CPD director, said that the Kabalikat Mediacom, Inc., with more than 2,000 members, has agreed to use its radio equipment to report crime incidents.

The radio group will be given working space at CPD headquarters in Quezon City where radio transceivers will be installed.

But the CPD chief said that members of the radio group cannot effect arrests.

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LOCAL HISTORY

Malaya
2 NEWS
Sunday, September 3, 2000

QC cops arrest 2 payroll rob suspects

Operatives of the Central Police District yesterday arrested two suspected payroll thieves who were trying to escape with some P11,000 cash from a garments factory in Novaliches, Quezon City.

CPD station 4 chief, Supt. Paterno Hernandez, identified the suspects as Jamo Lagundan, 22, and Rahib Abdullah Diang, 23, both natives of Maguindanao, and residents of the Muslim compound in Culiat, QC.

Investigation showed at around 10 a.m., Susan Andaya, cashier of Sheltex Garments International Corp. located along Sauyo road, was counting the payroll money inside the accounting office, when the suspects managed to sneak in without being noticed by security guards.

The suspects pulled out fanknives and declared the holdup.

Andaya shouted for help, prompting the suspects to grab an envelope containing P11,814 in payroll money and run.

The commotion caught the attention of both the company guards and nearby residents, who gave chase. Responding policemen joined the chase and cornered the suspects a few blocks away from the garments factory. The cops were able to recover the loot and the weapons used in the heist.

Meanwhile, the high cost of medicines reportedly drove a 40-year-old asthmatic security guard to commit suicide inside their residence in Quezon City yesterday.

CPD probers identified the fatality as Raymundo Santienes, of 7th st., Barangay Mariana, New Manila.

PO2 Ernesto Barbajera, case prober, said the victim's wife, Imelda, found him hanging by the neck with an electric cord tied at the ceiling of their comfort room at around 4:30 a.m.

Last Friday, a single strike in the abdomen with a wooden club by an enraged man resulted in the death of a taho vendor in Diliman, QC.

The victim, identified as Ronnie Elan, 23, died while being treated at the Quirino Memorial Medical Center.

The suspect, Rannel Baluyot, 23, service crew of a fastfood chain on Tomas Morato ave., reportedly clubbed the victim with a piece of wood, after the suspect's daughter complained of a small plastic sachet inside a cup of taho bought from the victim. **(Raymond Africa)**

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QC cop foils bus robbery

A rookie cop stopped a robbery after six unidentified men tried to rob the passengers of a bus in front of SM North EDSA in Quezon City yesterday.

PO1 Espiritu Boral of the Central Police District Station 3, responding to a call for assistance from passengers of a bus owned by the King of King's Bus line prevented the armed robbers from divesting the passengers of their money and valuables when he arrived in the bus.

However, the conductor of the bus, identified as Alan Muri, 25, was hit by a stray bullet during the crossfire between Boral and the six robbers. Muri was rushed to the East Avenue Medical Center (EAMC) for treatment.

Boral said that at around 12 p.m. yesterday while he was on board his mobile patrol car heading towards Cubao, a man approached him and told him that their bus was being robbed.

Boral quickly alighted from the car and approached the place where the man had pointed the robbery to him.

When the robbers saw him, they quickly opened fire at the officer while some of them jumped off the bus. One of the robbers shot the cop but only made a hole in his uniform. Boral shot one of the robbers who was still able to flee from the scene. (Rizal Obanil)

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Luga sacks 'overstaying' QC station commander

JEANNETTE ANDRADE, Reporter

A CENTRAL Police District Office (CPDO) station commander, who was ordered relieved a week ago by the National Capital Region Police Office (NCRPO) for his involvement in an alleged extortion racket in Quezon City nightclubs, was sacked only yesterday for "over-staying."

The order of relief for Chief Inspector Rodolfo Hernandez, head of the QC Hall Detachment, was handed down by CPDO director Chief Supt. Victor Luga with the authority of Mayor Ismael Mathay Jr.

Included in the relief order was Hernandez' deputy, Insp. Lino Banaag.

Chief Supt. Luga explained that Hernandez and Banaag's dismissal as City Hall detachment head and deputy was prompted by the fact that they have held the posts for five years, which is reportedly an uncommonly long tenure in the CPDO.

However, it was learned that there is no fixed term for any CPDO official to hold a post. Thus, the basis for the ground of "overstaying" is unclear.

Luga has also taken into consideration the complaint lodged against the City Hall detachment head for his alleged extortion racket on Quezon City nightclub owners. Hernandez allegedly collect P1,500 to P3,000 weekly from all the local nightclub owners through a Bank of the Philippine Islands Automated Teller Machine (BPI-ATM) account under the name of a Wilson Mendoza.

The relief would reportedly pave the way for an unbiased investigation behind the claims lodged against him. However, the case is yet to be probed as the alleged complainants have yet to appear before the District Intelligence and Legal Affairs Office (DILAO).

The relief, it was learned by THE MANILA TIMES, has been overdue for a week. NCRPO director Chief Supt. Edgardo Aglipay has ordered the dismissal of Hernandez on Aug. 16, immediately after he was tagged as the brains behind the alleged extortion racket.

Hernandez and Banaag were re-assigned to the CPDO District Complaint and Referral Action Center, where the police major is expected to be absorbed as a member of the staff. ◆

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THE PHILIPPINE STAR
12 THURSDAY, AUGUST 24, 2000

QC nightclub owners no-show in filing of raps vs police major

Officials of an association of Quezon City club owners who have accused the chief of the Central Police District City Hall police detachment of extortion failed to submit their formal complaint yesterday at Camp Karingal.

The complainants, officials of the Association of Club Karaoke Disco Owners and Employees of the Philippine Entertainment Industry headed by its secretary Larry Cervantes, failed to meet the 10:30 a.m. schedule set by the CPD-District Inspectorate and Legal Office (DILO).

Cervantes, with his lawyer Alfaro Lazaro, were supposed to file their complaint against Chief Inspector Rodolfo Hernandez for alleged extortion.

In a letter earlier sent to CPD director Chief Superintendent Victor Luga, Cervantes accused Hernandez of allegedly operating an extortion racket.

According to Cervantes, Hernandez, along with some of his men from the City Hall police detachment would conduct inspections on some of their member establishments. During these supposed inspections, Hernandez and his men would "arrest" female club workers. The "arrested" workers would later be released through the "intercession" of a certain Wilson Mendoza, a traffic enforcer who is reportedly Hernandez's "bagman."

Hernandez said Mendoza would advise club owners to shell out P1,500 for the release of each "arrested" female club worker.

According to SPO2 Rosito Calabucal, the DILO has no choice but to dismiss the case against Hernandez should the club owners still fail to submit their formal complaint today.

"We cannot act on the case unless there is a formal complaint against Hernandez. If they will not file their formal complaint, we have no choice but to dismiss the case," Calabucal said.

Meanwhile, though the CPD-DILO is poised to dismiss the case against Hernandez, CPD director Chief Superintendent Victor Luga yesterday ordered his transfer to the CPD Complaints and Referral Action Center at Camp Karingal.

Hernandez will be replaced by Chief Inspector Bevin Favillar as head of the City Hall police detachment. Ironically, Favillar was the DILO officer-in-charge. According to Luga, he ordered Hernandez's transfer as he was already "overstaying" in his post, having served as City Hall police detachment chief for the last three years. Luga said the transfer was approved by Mathay.

But sources said that Hernandez was transferred to prevent further embarrassment to Mathay whose name had already been dragged into the case.

— Mike Frialde

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METRO TODAY
SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 2000

QC police hit back at traders

By JONATHAN MAYUGA
Correspondent

CHIEF Insp. Rodolfo Hernandez, commander of the Quezon City Hall police detachment, vowed to intensify the campaign against nightclubs showing lewd shows.

Hernandez was earlier accused by two nightclub owners of allegedly extorting weekly protection money from traders.

He said that Mayor Ismael Mathay Jr., ordered the police unit to step up the campaign against nude performers and erring club owners.

"Do your job as a police officer and continue your campaign against bold shows. To make fun houses in the city free from indecent shows is part of the job of the police," Hernandez quoted Mathay as saying.

Mathay has already formed a committee to investigate the complaint of club owners against Hernandez.

Among those who are expected to meet with the mayor is businessman Jorge Bueno, who owns five nightclubs in the city, including the Lanai and Blue Eye disco house.

On August 8 Hernandez's men were supposedly conducting an operation at the Blue Eye and Lanai disco house as part of the government's crackdown on loose firearms when the policemen discovered female dancers performing in the nude.

This prompted the policemen, who were all in uniform, to raid the nightclub and arrest the dancers.

Hernandez ordered the filing of charges against Bueno and the dancers.

This prompted Bueno to expose to the media the alleged extortion racket of the Quezon City Hall police detachment.

But Hernandez quickly denied the accusations, saying he had never asked any protection money from any of the club owners.

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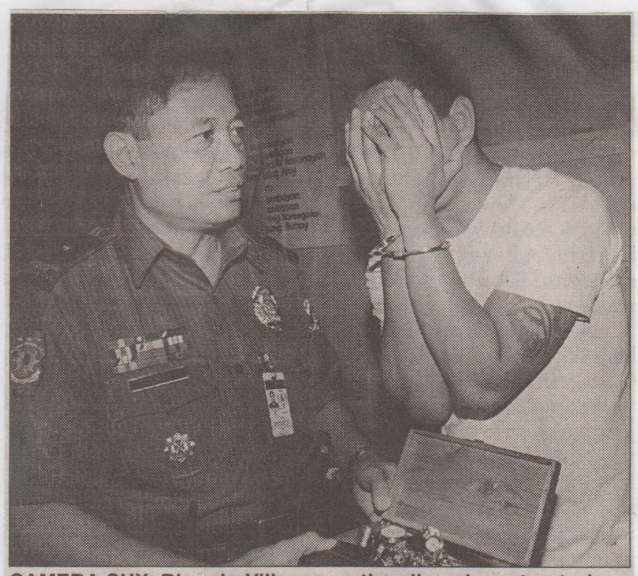

CAMERA SHY: Ricardo Villanueva, the alleged most notorious burglar in Quezon City, covers his face as he is presented to media by Quezon City Police head Chief Superintendent Victor Luga. ERNIE PEÑAREDONDO

Quezon City's most elusive burglar falls

The career of Quezon City's most elusive cat burglar came to an end after he was arrested yesterday morning by agents of the Central Police District.

CPD director Chief Superintendent Victor Luga identified the suspect as Ricardo Villanueva, of Matahimik street in Barangay Malaya, Quezon City. He was arrested inside his home at about 9 a.m. by operatives of the CPD Criminal Investigation Unit led by Superintendent Francisco Don Montenegro.

Montenegro said they had been tailing Villanueva for quite sometime. Their biggest break in the case happened last Monday when one of Villanueva's victims, *Radyo ng Bayan* reporter Eugenia "Gene" Galang-Panganiban filed a complaint against him.

In her complaint, Panganiban, of Matatag Street in Piñahan, Quezon City, said she lost almost P300,000 in jewelry, expensive electronic appliances, and even a water dispenser to Villanueva.

"I even saw him walking past me from our house with a plastic bag full of our belongings," Panganiban told probers. Police said Villanueva was also identified by two other witnesses as the alleged cat burglar who broke into Panganiban's house.

Luga said that Villanueva, who was previously arrested for the same offense, likes expensive goods and appliances.

Other victims of Villanueva included flight stewardess Catherine Rodriguez and bank employee Emilie May Palomo. The victims, both residents of Xavierville Subdvision in Loyola Heights, claimed that they were robbed by the suspect last February of valuables worth P110,400.

CPD agents who arrested Villanueva by virtue of an arrest warrant issued by Quezon City Judge Percival Lopez, also found the stolen water dispenser and appliances inside his house.

Villanueva is now detained as theft charges are being prepared. No bail was recommended for his temporary liberty.

— Mike Frialde

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Aglipay wants 'nightclub raider' in QC dismissed

By NON ALQUITRAN

Metro Manila police director Chief Superintendent Edgar Aglipay ordered yesterday summary dismissal proceedings against the commander of the Quezon City Hall police detachment for his alleged extortion activities on the city's nightspots.

Aglipay said Chief Inspector Rodolfo Hernandez, the City Hall detachment commander, had no business staying in the police service for violating the "no take policy" of Philippine National Police (PNP) chief Director General Panfilo Lacson.

"He (Hernandez) should be dismissed from the service if evidence warrants, so others would not follow his bad example," said Aglipay.

Hernandez was accused of extorting amounts ranging from P1,500 to P5,000 weekly from club owners in Quezon City, which is fast becoming the "flesh trade" center of the country.

In his letter to Aglipay, complainant Cesar Pabon, owner of the Lanai disco club, claimed Hernandez's men would enter his establishment in the guise of conducting inspections on customers for illegal firearms.

But the policemen often ended up hauling off female employees they accused of working without permits and demanded money, said Pabon.

Hernandez vehemently denied the charges.

Nevertheless, Chief Superintendent Victor Luga, Central Police District (CPD) director placed him under investigation by the District Inspectorate and Legal Office.

Aglipay warned he will not hesitate to crack the whip against police officials who refuse to heed the "no *tong* policy" of Lacson.

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QC club owners hit cops for extortion

By Jing Villamente

Quezon City club owners accused the Quezon City hall police detachment of using the newly revived campaign against illegal firearms to extort from them.

The club owners made the allegation in letters to Mayor Ismael Mathay Jr., Philippine National Police Chief Panfilo Lacson, Central Police District Director Victor Luga and National Capital Region Police Office Director Edgardo Aglipay.

They said the men of Chief Inspector Rodolfo Hernandez entered their clubs in the guise of inspecting customers for illegal firearms.

But the policemen usually ended up hauling off female employees of the club and charging them of working without permit, the club operators said.

They cited a group led by PO3 Rey Mateo which conducted a gun inspection in Lanai Disco Club in Cubao and took a female worker to the city hall detachment.

The club owners claimed Mateo's group offered to release the girl for P5,000 in cash. The amount was reduced to P2,000 after the floor manager of Lanai Disco Club haggled for it.

"What was presumed as a raid at confiscating deadly weapons and illegal firearms turned out as foul and unauthorized as the police started to demand for the girls' working permits when their 'operation bakal' yielded negative results," Cesar Pabon, owner of the Lanai club, said in his letter.

Pabon said club owners condemn such activities as "there was clearly a malicious intention on their part as the operation turned out to be a way to extort money."

At the start of this week, Hernandez was also accused of extorting money from night clubs through the automated teller machine by using traffic enforcer Wilson Mendoza as go between and where the ATM account was named.

Luga has already placed Hernandez under investigation by the District Inspectorate and Legal Office and the National Intelligence Coordinating Agency.

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LOCAL HISTORY

The Philippine STAR METRO
12 TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2000

QC probes extortion of nightclub owners

Quezon City authorities are investigating Chief Inspector Rodolfo Hernandez, city hall detachment chief, for his alleged involvement in an extortion ring preying on nightclubs, a source said yesterday.

Efforts by **The STAR** to reach Hernandez at his office yesterday for his side on the issue proved futile. His staff said he was out of his office all day as he was attending to an urgent business in Manila.

Nightclub owner George Bueno accused Hernandez earlier of collecting from each club owners of P1,500 a week. He said the money is deposited in an automated teller machine (ATM) with the Bank of the Philippine Islands under the name of a certain Wilson Mendoza, a traffic enforcer detailed as the police officer's driver.

A source in Camp Karingal said the District Inspectoral and Legal Office will handle the investigation on the case.

Bueno made the allegation after his nightclubs — Lanai Disco and Blueyes — were raided by the police officer's men.

Bueno's subordinate, Larry Cervantes, said the police officer brought to the detachment two of their guest relations officers (GRO), threatening to charge them in account if the club management refuses to shell out more protection money.

He did not say how much the officer allegedly demanded from him.

Cervantes said all the GROs in the two nightclubs have proper working permits issued by city hall. The city's Business Permit and Licensing Office is set to meet with nightclub owners today to investigate Bueno's charges.

Last year, a similar controversy broke out when top officials of the Central Police District were accused of running a protection racket.

— **Romel Bagares**

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QC club owners decry 'shakedown'

By MIKE FRIALDE

An association of club and disco owners in Quezon City is decrying the alleged extortion activities by some members of the Central Police District.

In a letter sent to Quezon City Mayor Ismael Mathay, the Association of Club Karaoke Disco Owners and Employees of the Philippine Entertainment Industry bared the alleged extortion activities of some policemen detailed at CPD City Hall Detachment.

According to the group, some elements of the City Hall Detachment, led by a certain Major Boy Hernandez, has been conducting a "shakedown" on some of its member-establishments.

Larry Cervantes, the group's secretary, said that the police team headed by Hernandez would swoop down on their member-club and without any reason, arrest and detain their female club workers.

After the supposed inspection and raid, a certain Wilson Mendoza, said to be the policemen's "bagman," would appear and "negotiate" with the raiding team.

Mendoza would then later inform the owner of the raided club to shell out P1,500 for the release of each "arrested" female club worker.

"This practice is highly unscrupulous, illegal and capricious. We are in the strongest terms denouncing the devilish scheme resorted to by Major Boy Hernandez, Wilson Mendoza and those composing their team all assigned at the Quezon City Hall Police Detachment Office," Cervantes said.

Cervantes asked Mathay and CPD director Chief Superintendent Victor Luga to investigate the alleged extortion racket.

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METROLINE

5 QC cop chiefs to be relieved

Five Quezon City police station commanders will be relieved from their posts effective this week for lack of academic requirements. To be relieved are Superintendents Efren Lagmay (Project 4 station), Ernesto Tesoro (Anonas station), Renato Valebia (Galas station), Pierre Bucsit (La Loma station), and Jolly Dizon (Batasan station). Sources at the Central Police District said the relief orders of the five station commanders have been already approved both by CPD director Chief Superintendent Victor Luga and by Quezon City Mayor Ismael Mathay. The replacements of the to-be relieved officers have yet to be designated by Luga and Mathay, sources said. According to sources, the five police station commanders lack the required Officers Senior Executive Course (OSEC) which is required by Republic Act 8551 or the Philippine National Police Reform and Reorganization Law. Under RA 8551, chiefs of police should be OSEC graduates or its equivalent. Earlier, National Capital Region Police Office director Chief Superintendent Edgar Aglipay said that 15 of the Metro's 37 police station commanders will be relieved by Tuesday for lack of an OSEC diploma. Aglipay added that some of the 15 station commanders lacking an OSEC degree have availed of the OSEC course at the Philippine Public Safety College in Fort Bonifacio. — **Mike Frialde**

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AROUND THE NATION

QC cops tighten security

Central Police District Command (CPDC) director Sr. Supt. Victor Luga ordered his men yesterday to beef up security in all Quezon City public places like malls, and parks following orders from Philippine National Police (PNP) chief Director General Panfilo Lacson to be on red alert for possible terroristic attacks.

Luga directed all the station commanders in his district to conduct a 24-hour foot and mobile patrol and to deploy additional police personnel near and inside the mall to ensure the safety of the people or shoppers.

Earlier, Interior and Local Government Secretary Alfredo S. Lim called on all the Metro mayors to be on red alert for terroristic attack and to enforce security measures in their respective areas of jurisdiction.

Lim said that the local government can't afford to be relaxed and be lenient with its security measures after the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) threatened to terrorize other areas of country including Metro Manila following the offensive on Camp Abubakar, MILF's headquarters.

Recently, in an attempt to terrorize Metro Manila, several bombs were planted in various malls in the metropolis which results to the death of a person and injury to several others. (Rico C. Navarro)

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3 QC cops face theft charges

A HOUSEWIFE filed theft charges against three Quezon City policemen who allegedly took P80,000 worth of jewelry from the complainant during an entrapment operation.

Central Police District director Chief Supt. Victor Luga had placed Senior Police Officer 2 Ramon Roxas and PO2s Michael Chavez and Roberto Trimor, all assigned at the Intelligence Division, under technical arrest pending investigation of the complaint filed by Salvacion Go, 38, of 38 Gen. Wood Street, San Francisco del Monte, Quezon City.

Go alleged that the three policemen went into her house at around 8 p.m., on May 13 and claimed that they are looking for several drug pushers that entered the house.

Go tried to stop the policemen from entering her house but the trio pushed her. She allegedly suffered bruises in the arms.

The policemen searched her house then left. Go said her jewelry were missing when she checked her cabinet.

Chief Insp. Anthony Rodolfo of the CPD-Intelligence Division defended the three policemen and said that Go's complaint was meant to harass the police operatives.

Rodolfo said his men were conducting an entrapment operation at Go's residence after receiving information that the house is a front for the illegal drugs trade .

He said the three policemen arrested four drug suspects during the operation. The suspects were identified as Maria Amor Euruggaram, 22; Donnaly Infante, 21; Albert Gatchalian, 38; and Jaylord Santa Maria, 34.

The suspects were caught while sniffing shabu inside Go's house.

Rodolfo said Ramon Go, the husband of Mrs. Go, was the main target of the police operation. Mr. Go slipped out of the house through a backdoor and escaped during the raid.

Two other suspects, Ramoncito Aspiras and Vicky Manuel also escaped.

He said the suspect filed the case to blackmail the arresting police officers and force them to drop the drug charges against the arrested suspects. *J. Mayuga*

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3 Quezon City policemen face robbery charges

Three operatives of the Central Police District (CPD) intelligence unit are under fire after a woman accused them of forcible entry before robbing her of P80,000 last month.

Charges of violation of domicile and robbery with physical injuries were being readied by the Criminal Investigation Unit against SPO2 Ramiro Roxas, POs 2 Michael Chavez and Roberto Trimor, all detailed the CPD-District Police Intelligence Unit (DPIU).

But Chief Inspector Anthony Rodolfo, DPIU chief, dismissed the allegations as mere harassment, saying the complaint stemmed from a buy-bust operation at the complainant's house.

In her complaint, victim Salvacion Galicia-Go, 38, claimed that the three policemen barged into her house at 39 General Woods Street, in San Francisco Del Monte, between 8 and 9 p.m. last May 13. Without a warrant, the three took her jewelry and cash amounting to P80,000.

According to Go, she tried to prevent the lawmen from entering her house but they insisted and inflicted physical injuries on her.

Prior to last May 13's raid at Go's house, Rodolfo's men arrested Victoria Manuel who pointed to Ramor and Sally Go, of General Woods Street, as the source of illegal drugs being sold in Barangay Old Balara.

With the information, policemen conducted a buy-bust operation at the complainant's house, resulting in the arrest of Donnalee Infante, Maria Amor Puruganan, Albert Gatchalian and Jay Lord Sta. Maria. They were charged in court with illegal peddling and possession of drugs.

Salvacion Go unsuccessfully prevented the lawmen from entering the house. Her husband, Ramon managed to escape, police said.

Last Thursday, three Sampaloc, Manila policemen were arrested by their colleagues in an entrapment operation based on the extortion complaint of a *perya* operator against them.

Police Officers 2 Melchor Nunez, 34, and Robert Elacio, 28, and Police Officer 1 Glenn Almario was arrested after Nunez accepted the P5,000 they have been demanding from Sampaloc *perya* operator Eugene Pelle. The payoff site was along Paredes street in Sampaloc where the group arrived at about 5:30 p.m. in a marked Sampaloc police FX van.

— **Christina Mendez**

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Quezon City policemen uncover 'pearl enhancer' scam

A KILO of salt for P25,000?

The Central Police District Office (CPDO) yesterday uncovered a syndicate passing off common salt as a Chinese "pearl enhancer" worth P25,000 a packet.

The CPDO Criminal Investigation Division reported that the syndicate packed common salt in a dragon brand pearl enhancer container and sold each tube for P25,000.

Aside from the arrest of 45-year-old businessman Jonathan Sartorio, 45, during entrapment operation, CPDO operatives also confiscated some 40 tubes of salt worth an estimated P1 million from the suspected swindler.

Based on the complaint of Teodoro Reyes, police pounced on the suspect the other day while in the act of receiving P150,000 from the victim's wife as a collateral or a show of good faith for being a middleman for the sale of the "pearl enhancers" to another group of traders, who turned out to be Sartorio's alleged cohorts.

The P150,000 was part of the P500,000 allegedly obtained by Sartorio's group from the victims.

Reyes told probers that he met the suspects while he was selling real estate in Batangas. Both groups pretended to be interested in the property he was selling with one group claiming he was looking for a "pearl enhancer" dealer.

Reyes added that Sartorio's group then claimed to be "coincidentally" a dealer of the dragon brand pearl enhancers manufactured in the People's Republic of China.

For the sale of one tube, Reyes was reportedly given P5,000 from the P25,000 sale for mediating the transaction until Sartorio's group left a box with him to sell to the "buyers".

However, when Reyes decided to inspect the product, he found out that the tubes contained common salt. As soon as Sartorio sought P150,000 from him when the "buyers" did not show up, Reyes decided to seek police assistance.

Sartorio is detained at the CPDO-CID pending the filing of an estafa charge against him while operatives are still conducting follow-up operations against the other suspects.◆

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22 QC cops sacked

RECIDIVISTS.

That was how Chief Supt. Victor Luga, Central Police District, described 22 of his men whom he ordered relieved and transferred to other units because of their habitual inefficiency.

And they would not be the last to go.

Luga said he will also discipline some 70 more CPD lawmen for repeatedly not appearing at the appointed time for the measurement of their waists.

"It is unfair if we let these 22 ineffective policemen to stay in

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their job while there are other policemen who are more deserving for the position," Luga said.

Out of the 22 policemen, eight will be dismissed form the service.

Luga identified them as PO3 Leandro Salac, PO3 Nell Estipono and SPO2 Billy DL Bautista of the Lagro police station; PO3 Ricardo Cunanan and SPO1 Celerino Robel of Baler; PO2 Carlos Fuentes and SPO1 Aurelio Sernande of Batasan; and PO3 Ceasarey Uy of La Loma.

Luga said he reached his decision upon the recommendation of the policemen's station commanders.

Reports from Jennifer Pangilinan and Philip Tubeza

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22 QC policemen sacked for being 'undisciplined'

By JOSEPHINE CARPIO

Chief Supt. Victor Luga, Central Police District director, yesterday relieved 22 policemen from their posts reportedly for being "inept, corrupt and undisciplined."

"It is high time that these undesirable policemen left the service," said Luga as he submitted to Chief Supt. Edgar Aglipay, National Capital Regional Police Office director, a letter recommending the relief of the CPD members.

In his recommendation, Luga cited the reports of 11 station commanders on their men who have been declared absent without official leave from 11 to 29 days.

Relieved were PO2s Leandro Salac and Neil Estipono and SPO2 Billy Bautista, all of station 5; SPO1 Celerino Robel and PO3 Ricardo Cunanan, both detailed at Baler station; Aurelio Sernande and PO2 Carlos Fuentes, of Batasan station; and PO3 Ceasarey Uy of La Loma police station;

SPO3 Marivic Roxas, of Kamuning station; SPO2 Emmanuel Baluyot, SPO1 Ronilo Esparza, SPO1 Buenaventura de Castro, and PO3 Ruben Pasia, all formerly assigned at the Batasan station 6; SPO2 Pedro Tan, of Baler station; SPO1s Raymund Tapel and Romeo Silverio, of station 5; PO3s Charlie Chan and Rolando Duran, of Anomas police station; PO2s Nestor Tiotieon, Rene Robino and Gilbert Paulino and PO1 Maximo Casinos, all of Galas police station.

"If we will not give punishment to these irresponsible policemen, it will be unfair for other policemen who have been religiously reporting and performing their duties," Luga said.

The CPD director added policemen who will perform their duties or assignments as expected will be given rewards. Luga also said with the armed conflict in Mindanao and the bombings in Metro Manila, the CPD has no space for policemen with "ICU traits."

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CTEG to improve traffic enforcement in QC

By PETER G. FLORES

Central Police District Traffic Enforcement Group director Superintendent Agustin "Boy" Cabales, Jr. vowed yesterday to intensify the implementation of the Seat Belt Law, and all the other existing traffic laws, rules and regulations as well as Ordinances related to traffic along all the major roads in Quezon City.

Reports of the deputized traffic officers of MMDA led by the Regional Assistance Network for General Emergency and Rescue (RANGER), Task Force Omega, and Fire Control 7 show that bulk of the motorists violate the existing traffic laws, rules and regulations along Quezon Avenue, Aurora Boulevard, and E. Rodriguez Boulevard in Quezon City; and portion of EDSA from Balintawak all the way to Santolan.

Cabales said additional traffic enforcers will be deployed not only on the major roads mentioned but also along Commonwealth Avenue to ensure the smooth flow of vehicular and pedestrian traffic within Quezon City.

Deputized traffic officers of MMDA are here in Quezon City to augment the police force and were tasked to apprehend erring drivers who continue to defy traffic laws.

Likewise, Quezon City Mayor Ismael A. Mathay Jr., directed Cabales to deploy additional traffic enforcers who will manage the traffic flow, as Mathay stressed the need to ensure smooth flow of traffic within the city.

The mayor emphasized that teamwork and coordination among the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) and the Central Police District Traffic Enforcement Group (CTEG) as lead agencies and the city government are vital in order to improve traffic flow and have a better traffic enforcement within Quezon City.

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41 QC cops sacked since '99

Chief Supt. Victor Luga, director of the Central Police District, yesterday named eight dismissed policemen — including a superintendent — along with 33 other cops and a civilian who have been dropped from the rolls from January 1999 to April this year.

Luga said the dismissed cops were either involved in illegal activities, absent without leave, or conducted themselves poorly.

To avoid any misrepresentation by these individuals, Luga identified the cops as PO2 Ricardo Mojica; Edgardo Domingo; SPO1 Max Perez; SPO1 Angelito Solano; and Supt. Efren Santos, PO2 Jerry Abad, and SPO1s Jose Fernandez and Eduardo Frias, who were dismissed for car theft when they were caught by the Traffic Management Group riding a stolen car.

Dropped from the CPD rolls since March were Marlon Echeverri, a civilian employee; SPO3s Carlos Advincula, Gervacio Olimpio and Rosefina San Miguel; SPO1s Chito Calizar, Rodante de Leon, Antonio Gaba, Rolando Tolentino, Jose Cruz, Hermino Chico, Mavorico Garalde, Rafael Jadsac, Marcos Llena and Edgar Tenoria.

PO3s Medel Padilis, Nestor Benoza, Hope Sipanay, Rogelio Agulno, Jose Cabanatan, Stephen Angalan, Arturo Hercer and Alvin Ingeniero and PO2s Gil Mortela, Jerry Cervantes, Jesus Azcutia and Crisanto Joson III.

Dropped from the rolls since January this year were SPO3 Ruben Samaco, SPO2 Marcial Salicsic, SPO1 Norman Lladone and Arleen Hernandez, PO2s Cris Arcangles and Divino Soriano and PO1 Nestor Rieta.

Luga said the dismissed policemen may misrepresent themselves and claim to be still in the service or perform unauthorized police work.

"We should warn our constituents about these dismissed members, as they might be victimized by misrepresentation" Luga said.

Jing Villamente

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To erase QC's tag as 'carnap capital'

CPDO cops form anti-carnap teams

JEANNETTE ANDRADE
Reporter

IN AN apparent effort to erase the infamous distinction of Quezon City as "carnap capital" of the country, Central Police District Office (CPDO) yesterday announced the creation of carnapped vehicle spotting teams.

Three teams, composed of a police inspector and four non-commissioned officers or sergeants, will be tasked to rove around three alleged carnap hotspots particularly the Sangandaan, Novaliches, and Lagro areas.

Quezon, Timog, and Tomas Morato Avenues were not included among carnapping hotspots as the three areas are aptly monitored by the station covering these areas through mobile teams.

Felix Vargas, CPDP Public Information Officer, said the teams will patrol the "hotspots" on marked vehicles, armed with high-powered guns with the sole task of spotting stolen cars.

The teams will also be furnished with copies of alert reports regarding carnapped vehicles.

The long guns, Vargas explained, are to be provided to the teams in case the CPDO cops would run into carnapping syndicate members, who may be driving the stolen vehicles and who may battle it out rather than give themselves up peacefully.

The formation of the teams was to fortify the existing marks of the CPDO Anti-Carnapping Task Force in a bid to erase Quezon City's "black" mark.

Meanwhile, a monthly health test revealed that 63 percent of CPDO policemen are obese.

This was shown after the start of Healthy Weight Day, a monthly test held Monday at Camp Karingal in Sikatuna Village.

Out of the 200 cops who underwent anti-obesity tests, only 37 percent met their ideal weights based on their heights and ages.

Vargas explained that obesity is not just obesity. He said there are four classifications of obesity, which included the pre-obese stage or being on the brink of downright fattiness.

The anti-obesity tests were undertaken in line with Philippine National Police (PNP) chief Director-General Panfilo Lacson's directive of ensuring that policemen are physically fit.

To solve the problem of pot-bellied cops, Roche Philippines Inc.'s Xenical Task Force with the help of the CPDO conducted free obesity tests.

Examiners usually recommended Xenical as a last report to extremely heavily built CPDO men but prescribed a low-fat diet and regular exercise to "tolerably" fat cops.

At least CPDO policemen are more physically fit than in other police districts, Vargas said.

Obesity is projected as a cause of hypertension, diabetes, and other heart ailments. ◆

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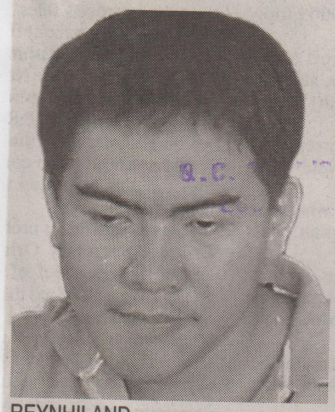
2 TIP blast suspects fall



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By Jing Villamente

The Central Police District arrested Monday night two suspects in Thursday's grenade-throwing incident at Technological Institute of the Philippines in Cubao, Quezon City that left one student dead and 43 others injured.

The suspects were identified as Reynhiland Barro, 21, and his brother Roosevelt, 19, sons of Senior Supt. Reynaldo Barro of the 4th Regional Community Defense Group at Camp Aldrins in Los Baños, Laguna.

Chief Supt. Victor Luga, CPD director, said the suspects, who were arrested at their house on Atis Street, Napico, Pasig City, are students of TIP and members of Batangas Varsitarians fraternity.

The lone fatality, Dhian Ray Navarro, 22, was the president of Samahang Ilocano, a rival fraternity.

Reynhiland is a third-year marine engineering student, while Roosevelt is on his second year taking up electronics and communications engineering.

Luga said the two were nabbed after cartographic sketches of the suspects were compared with the school's photo-gallery of students. The brothers gave up peacefully to a CPD team led by Senior Insp. Rudy Jaraza.

The Barro brothers were also positively identified by one of the victims, Romualdo Taguba, a Samahang Ilocano member, and cigarette vendor Lourdes Morabe.

The suspects denied the allegations and told reporters they are not members of Batangas Varsitarians.

Their mother, Reynalda, 42, insisted her sons are innocent, saying Reynhiland was in class while Roosevelt was playing basketball when the grenade-throwing incident took place.

The grenade was hurled in front of TIP's main gate, raining shrapnel on a crowd composed mostly of students.

The blast dug a shallow crater near the gate area, which was splattered with blood.

Police recovered shrapnel from a fragmentation grenade which, they claim, is only issued to military or police personnel.

The suspects' father, Senior Superintendent Barro, said the grenade could not have come from him because he doesn't even bring his service firearm to their house.

Senior Supt. Napoleon Castro, chief of the CPD's criminal investigation unit, said the hunt is on for two other suspects.

Charges of murder and multiple frustrated murder were filed against the Barro brothers, who were immediately brought to the Quezon City prosecutor's office for an inquest, after they were presented to Mayor Ismael Mathay Jr. and the media.

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2 suspects in Cubao blast fall



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BOMBING suspects Reynhiland (left) and Roosevelt Barro at the Central Police District headquarters following their arrest on Monday. PAOLO VECINA

■ By JONATHAN MAYUGA
Correspondent

AUTHORITIES filed charges against two of the suspects in the bombing incident at the Technological Institute of the Philippines (TIP) in Cubao, Quezon City following their arrest Monday evening.

Charged with murder and 43 counts of multiple frustrated murder before the Quezon City Prosecutor's Office were Reynhiland Barro, 21 and his brother Roosevelt, 19.

The two reportedly belonged to the group Batangas Varsitarians, which is at loggerheads with the Samahang Ilokano fraternity.

Some 43 persons, mostly students hailing from the Ilocos region, were injured in last week's blast. Dhian Ray Navarro, 22, a member of the Samahang Ilocano and president of the Confederation of Fraternities and Sororoties at TIP was killed in the incident.

Four witnesses, who tagged Reynhinald as the grenade thrower, told probers that his brother and two other suspects served as his lookouts.

One of the suspects who remains at large was identified as Ildefonso Magbuhos.

Chief Supt. Victor Luga, director of the Central Police District, said Magbuhos was heard by witnesses shouting the words "*Adto na! Adto na*" (They're here!, they're here!) referring to the group of Navarro before Reynhiland allegedly hurled the grenade.

Reynhiland and Roosevelet are students of the TIP branch in Cubao.

The two were reportedly sons of Lt. Col. Rey Barro of the 5th Infantry Batallion in Camp Eldridge, Los Baños, Laguna.

They were arrested the other night at their residence at 33 Atis Street, Napico, Pasig City.

Luga said the two did not resist arrest when group of Senior Insp. Rudy Jaraza of the Criminal Investigation Division of the Central Police District went to their residence.

Luga directed CIU commander Supt. Napoleon Castro to get the remaining suspects including Magbuhos. Magbuhos and the other suspects are believed to be members of the group Samahang Bisaya.

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EX-CONVICT SISTER AND BROTHER-IN-LAW HOSTAGE FOR 16 HOURS IN Q.C.

Cops rescue couple from addict



MEMBERS of the Quezon City police Special Weapons and Tactics squad put handcuffs on Francisco Francisquiote (center) who held his sister and brother-in-law hostage for 16 hours in Novaliches, Quezon City. PAULO VECINA

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■ By JONATHAN MAYUGA
Correspondent

A DRUG addict who was out on parole took hostage a barangay youth leader and his wife inside their house for more than 16 hours until policemen subdued the suspect yesterday at around noon in Quezon City.

The suspect, Francisco Francisquiote, 31, an ex-convict of 12 Jacinto Street, barangay Santa Lucia, Novaliches, Quezon City held hostage his brother-in-law Rodel Nuñez and his sister Amy at their house on Lot 64, Melchora Aquino Street, Novaliches, Quezon City, and threatened to kill them with the knife he was carrying.

Francisquiote was finally subdued by the Central Police District-Special Weapons and Tactics team led by Senior Insp. Gerar Sison, with the help of Sta. Lucia kagawad Noli Salas and the suspect's friend, Avelnio de la Cruz.

Salas and de la Cruz were the ones who negotiated and persuaded the suspect to give up to the police.

Francisquiote was believed to be suffering from paranoia after sniffing shabu for three consecutive days.

Investigation showed that the suspect initially hostaged Rodel, the chairman of the Sangguniang Kabataan in their barangay, at around 8 p.m. Friday. When Rodel's wife, Amy, arrived, she was also taken hostage, not realizing until it was too late that the suspect was holding a knife to her husband's neck.

Neighbors only learned of the incident at around 10 p.m. when they heard Amy crying and begging for the suspect not to harm them.

As expected, as soon as the report was aired on the radio, neighbors and even those living in nearby barangays flocked to the place, complicating matters for the police, who arrived soon after being informed of the hostage drama.

SWAT members also had a hard time since the house had concrete walls and they could not see what was going on inside. They also had orders from ranking PNP officials not to hurt the suspect or at least "get him alive."

At around 12:30 p.m. dela Cruz and a certain Aling Loleng finally convince Francisquiote to allow them to talk to him inside the house.

The suspect later surrendered his knife to dela Cruz and the policemen grabbed the suspect

It was learned that Francisquiote had just been paroled and released from the New Bilibid Prisons in Muntinlupa, Alabang last December, after being convicted for double murder eight years ago.

The suspect started taking shabu and his wife Thess abandoned him.

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Probers blame frat war in TIP explosion

By CHRISTINA MENDEZ



SUSPECTS: The Central Police District released these cartographic sketches of three of the five persons believed to be responsible for the TIP grenade explosion Thursday.

The police are eyeing members of the alleged Samahang Bisaya fraternity as the suspects in last Thursday's grenade explosion at the Technological Institute of the Philippines in Quezon City, which resulted in the death of one student and the wounding of more than 40 others.

This developed as the police released sketches of three of the four or five suspects. Criminal Investigation Division head, Superintendent Napoleon Castro, said witnesses provided his investigators with the description of the suspects. A team of police agents are now tracking them down.

Police tallied the total number of victims at 44. They were treated at the Quezon City Medical Center, the Quirino Labor Hospital and the school's infirmary.

Police theorized that 22-year old Dhian Rey Navarro (a male, not a female, as police earlier reported) was a victim of heated rivalry between two fraternities.

His relatives and friends said Navarro's group, the Samahang Ilocano, figured in a brawl last Wednesday night.

In affirming the fraternity war angle, Castro added that they have gathered reports that the rival group called in reinforcements from fraternity brothers from different places, since the Samahang Bisaya "protects" its members.

The grenade-thrower was described as about 30 years old, 5'4" to 5'7" tall, with heavy build, brown complexion, and pimples. Witnesses saw him standing near a vendor's store — a few meters from the TIP gate — prior to the explosion.

His companions, numbering from three to four, were overheard as saying *"Adtu na, Adtu na!* (Go now, go now)," before the first suspect lobbed the fragmentation grenade.

Navarro, a graduating mechanical engineering student, was recently elected president of the Confederation of Fraternities and Sororities at the TIP.

The group is an umbrella of registered fraternities and sororities, composed of 11 groups.

The 11 fraternities were identified as Samahang Ilocano, Genuine Ilocano, Alpha Phi Omega, Delta, Beta Sigma, Tau Gama, Akrho, Samahang Pangasinan, Montalban Society, Satuya-Ini Bicol Group (Sa Atin Ito) and the Samahan Bisaya, which has joined forces with the Batangas Varsitarian.

Navarro's job was to "mediate" between fraternity groups to avoid heated rivalries. Sources revealed that there are still several groups not registered with the confederation.

But Navarro was not involved in Wednesday's brawl. "We were at their house in Sikatuna last (Wednesday) night. He mentioned the incident to me only the next morning," said Navarro's girlfriend, Baby.

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RANGER QC chapter welcome new CPDO chief

The officers and members of the National Capital Region - Quezon City chapter of the Regional Assistance Network for General Emergency and Rescue, otherwise known as RANGER during their general membership meeting held yesterday welcome Chief Supt. Victor Luga as the the newly designated Central Police District Office (CPDO) Director.

Ranger officers led by its national president Joseph Anthony I. Dazon, QC officer-in-charge Lester Benjamin R. Fernandez and their members said they expect Chief Supt. Victor Luga, to cleanse the police district of "scalawags" and "misfits" resulting in demeaning the vision and mission of the Philippine National Police.

Dazon and Fernandez expressed optimism that Luga, a new cop's face in Quezon City, will be a lead hand in their fight against the menace of prohibited drugs in the city, as well as other forms of criminality that victimized not only adults but a big number of youth-students and out-of-school.

"Gen. Luga must now, in honest-to-goodness stance, clean the Quezon City Police rank and file, and prosecute the "kotong" cops, who have been destroying the image of CPDO," Dazon and Fernandez pointed out.

Meanwhile, Quezon City Mayor Ismael A. Mathay, Jr. and his son fourth district city councilor Ramon "Bu" Mathay vowed to support Luga's anti-crime program, and citywide police operations.

Barangay leaders from the city's four districts, headed by Association of Barangay Councils (ABC) president Mar Francisco who is also member of the Sangguniang Panlungsod (city council) representing the barangay sector, also vowed support for Luga, stressing that "anti-crime drive within the barangay level will be more effective with the backing of regular police force in the city."

Interior and Local Government Secretary Alfredo S. Lim and PNP chief, Deputy Director General Panfilo "Ping" Lacson, known crime busters in the country, have started booting out notorious and undesirable local officials and PNP men.

Lim has launched a serious, bolder move against drug-traffickers, while Lacson showed success in ridding out police scalawags.

Luga, upon his formal assumption to duty as CPDO Chief, called on the community for utmost cooperation, asking the citizens to be "vigilant and courageous" in the government's drive against criminal elements.

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Dismissal of 8 QC cops ordered

Ombudsman Aniano A. Desierto has ordered the dismissal of eight Quezon City police officers, led by Supt. Francisco Ovilla, who were assigned at its Anonas station for releasing two suspected drug pushers last year.

They were found guilty of grave misconduct in an administrative case filed against them. Criminal charges for graft and qualified bribery have been filed against them before the Quezon City regional trial court (RTC).

Also ordered dismissed were Supt. Loreto de la Cruz Sr., Inspector Edwin Misador, senior police officer (SPO) 4 Florendo Lucila, SPO3 Benjamin Fonacier, SPO1 Orencio Jurado, police officer (PO) 3 Orlin Comia, and PO2 Ladislao Rebancos.

Four other police officers – SPO1s Ronnie Rodaje and Eusebio Zambrano, SPO2 Teodorico Lado and PO3 Manuel Malong – were cleared of the administrative charges.

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MANILA BULLETIN, Fri., Jan. 21, 2000

QC folk welcome new CPDO chief

By YUL MALICSE

The cross-section of Quezon City yesterday welcomed the newly designated Central Police District Office (CPDO) director Chief Supt. Victor Luga, who, they expect to cleanse the police district of "scalawags" and "misfits" resulting in demeaning the vision and mission of the Philippine National Police.

Leaders, including professionals, civic and religious leaders, expressed optimism that Luga, a new cop's face in Quezon City, will be a lead hand in the fight against the menace of prohibited drugs in the city, as well as other forms of criminality that victimized not only adults but a big number of youth-students and out-of-school.

Meanwhile, Quezon City Mayor Ismael A. Mathay, Jr. and his son fourth district city councilor Ramon "Bu" Mathay vowed to support Luga's anti-crime program, and citywide police operations.

Barangay leaders from the city's four districts, headed by Association of Barangay Councils (ABC) president Mar Francisco who is also member of the Sangguniang Panlungsod (city council) representing the barangay sector, also vowed support for Luga, stressing that "anti-crime drive within the barangay level will be more effective with the backing of regular police force in the city."

At the same time, concerned residents continued to air their complaint against the CPD's drug enforcement unit (DEU) operatives, who, they consistently denounced to be "corrupt" and "money makers," usually making arrested persons due to suspected drugs' involvement as "milking cows."

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QC cop chief is latest to go

By GERRY DE BELEN

Chief Supt. Romulo Sales, chief of Quezon City police (Central Police District), was relieved yesterday, a day after two other Metro Manila district directors were replaced in what sources said was the start of a nationwide reorganization ordered by Deputy Director Panfilo Lacson.

Sales exchanged posts with Senior Supt. Victor Luga, PNP deputy director for intelligence. Both officials are members of the Philippine Military Academy Class 1972.

Sales' relief was expected after Lacson, in a command conference last week, expressed dissatisfaction over the performance of the Quezon City police.

Sales said he considers his new assignment a promotion.

At Camp Crame, Chief Supt. Patrick Madayag, Civil Security Group chief, was replaced by Chief Supt. Ricardo De Leon, head of the PNP computer service.

Madayag will go to the National Drug Law Enforcement and Prevention Coordinating Center under Director Jewel Canson.

Senior Supt. Quirino Dela Torre, executive officer of the directorate for comptroller, will replace De Leon.

Sales' relief leaves only Sr. Supt. Rowland Albano of the Eastern Police District in place among the five Metro Manila directors inherited by Lacson.

Chief Supt. Romeo Maganto of the Southern Police District and Chief Supt. Rodolfo Caisip from the Northern Police District were relieved on Tuesday. Chief Supt. Efren Fernandez of the Western Police District was replaced in December by Chief Supt. Avelino Razon.

Sources said two regional directors and two Camp Crame-based officials will be reassigned next week.

Sources said Chief Supt. Danilo Flores (Central Mindanao) will replace PNP Crime Laboratory Service director Chief Supt. Steve Cudal. They said they were not certain where Chief Supt. Tiburcio Fusilero (Central Visayas) will go.

The sources said Cudal will be named deputy director of the PNP directorate for research and development.

Senior Supt. George Ancheta of the PNP Engineering Office is also on his way out but his replacement has yet to be selected, the sources said.

Supt. Nicanor Bartolome, PNP spokesman, said the reshuffle was "part of the regular rotation of officers occupying key command and staff positions."

"The Senior Officers Placement and Promotions Board is continuously deliberating on the performance of all police field commanders and staff officers," he said.

Chief Supt. Edgardo Aglipay, director of the National Capital Region Police Office, denied Maganto and Caisip were sacked for inefficiency.

He said they were even commented for their efficiency and expertise.

During the turnover ceremonies at the NPD headquarters in Kaunlaran Village in Caloocan City, Aglipay also said their relief was part of "PNP's effort to use their proper expertise."

He said Caisip was "promoted" as deputy director for operations of the NCRPO, a position held by Senior Supt. Manuel Cabigon who replaced Maganto.

Maganto replaced Chief Supt. Jose Bandong, deputy chief of the PNP Directorate for Logistics in Camp Crame who took over from Caisip.

Maganto, after the turnover ceremonies at the SPD headquarters in Taguig, said reassigments are part of a policeman's life.

"Siyempre nalulungkot din tayo dahil marami tayong maiiwan na kaibigan sa SPD pero new opportunity din para sa akin ang malagay sa planning section ng PNP," he said,

"I will do my best kahit saan ako i-assign ng high command. Hindi naman ako namimili ng assignment, as long as nakapaglilingkod ako ay okey 'yun," he added. **(With Nelson de Guzman and Priam Nepomuceno)**

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PNP sweep: QC next

It is turning out to be a sweeping revamp of the Philippine National Police district commands in Metro Manila.

The Central Police District will be next, according to Chief Supt. Romulo Sales who told **Manila Standard** he expected to be relieved within the week.

The revamp actually began with the Western Police District Command when Chief Supt. Efren Fernandez was replaced by Chief Supt. Avelino Razon late last month. This was followed by the relief of Chief Supt.Romeo Maganto as Southern Police District Command director and Chief Supt. Rodolfo Caisip as Northern Police District Command director.

Maganto formally turned over his command yesterday to Senior Supt. Manuel Cabigon at SPDC's Fort Bonifacio headquarters in Makati. Obviously saddened by the recent turn of events, Maganto refused to make any comment when approached by newsmen.

Maganto's walking papers were facilitated by Chief Supt. Edgardo Aglipay, head of the National Capital Region Police Office, with approval from PNP Chief Panfilo Lacson. Aglipay's men earlier arrested Maganto's brother on extortion charges which were later dismissed by a prosecutor for lack of evidence. Before this, Maganto's relief from SPDC had been expected since the bombing of Pilipinas Shell's office in Makati. Maganto will reportedly assume the post of director for planning at Camp Crame, the post last held by Razon.

Meanwhile, Chief Supt. Jose Bandong was formally named NPDC director by Aglipay yesterday. Bandong vowed to rid the command of unscrupulous policemen. Hetakes over the post vacated by Caisip whose relief was reportedly ordered by Lacson following the arrest of several of his men in extortion cases within the district. Caisip is now NCRPO's deputy regional director for operations at Camp Ricardo Papa in Bicutan, Taguig.

At CPDC in Quezon City, Sales said his relief might come in time for his 51st birthday tomorrow. He is set to be replaced by Chief Supt. Victor Luga who is presently deputy chief of the PNP's Intelligence Division at Camp Crame.

Sales said he and Luga would simply swap positions, adding that his information came directly from Aglipay last Tuesday. **Jing Villamente, Ferdinand Fabella and Gardhen Raymundo-Claveria**

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QC police intensifies campaign vs toy guns

■ By IRIS CECILIA GONZALES
Correspondent

IN LINE with the Quezon City government's campaign against the proliferation of toy guns, newly appointed Central Police District (CPD) director Chief Supt. Romulo Sales ordered his police officers to keep an eye on those who continue to manufacture and sell toy guns.

Supt. Cipriano Querol, Jr., acting chief of the CPD Public Information Office, said that Sales' directive is contained in a memorandum dated Dec. 17 to station commanders of the 11 police stations and heads of operating units in the city's police.

PNP chief Gen. Panfilo Lacson had earlier ordered National Capital Region Office chief Director Edgar Aglipay and regional commanders to wage a campaign against toy guns.

Quezon City Ordinance SP-586, which was passed and approved in 1997, declares as unlawful the manufacture and sale of toy guns which are replicas of real guns.

Despite the existing law, however, the proliferation of toy guns is rampant, especially during the holiday season.

"I have ordered the station commanders and heads of operating units to inspect establishments manufacturing toy guns and confiscate such goods from sidewalk vendors," Sales said.

Violators, according to the City Ordinance, will be charged before the City Prosecutor's Office.

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Toy guns proliferation

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QC traffic cops arrest 4 for bribery

Central Police District Traffic Enforcement Group director Supt. Agustin "Boy" Cabales, Jr. cited Insp. Danilo Olaro Cornelio, Traffic Sector 1 commander for arresting four persons who tried to bribe members of the traffic command recently.

In a report to Cabales, Cornelio identified the suspects as Gerald Hernandez, 19, married; Ricky Tupaz, 19, single, both residing at 863 Quezon Avenue, Quezon City; Christian Cajigal, 29, married, residing at 98 Tugatog St., Bagong Barrio, Caloocan City and Ronaldo Cruz, 30, a truck helper of Angat, Bulacan.

Cornelio said suspects Cajigal and Cruz, were accosted by his operatives along the cloverleaf in Balintawak, Quezon City for various traffic violations. Cajigal was caught in the act of giving ₱30 bill to Eduardo Torralba, a traffic enforcer, who was then issuing him a Traffic Violation Receipt (TVR).

Cornelio also said that suspect Cruz was arrested for handing over a ₱100 bill as a bribe money to the apprehending traffic officer as he was being cited for violating MMDA ordinance on truck ban along EDSA.

Meanwhile, both Hernandez and Tupaz, were nabbed by police authorities for trying to bribe for ₱30 police investigator SPO3 Virgilio Villaflor while they were being questioned for violating QC Ordinance No. 3730 (Anti-Barker) while traffic men from the Central Police District Traffic Sector 1 was conducting traffic direction and control at the corner of EDSA and Quezon Avenue.

Appropriate charges were filed at the Quezon City Prosecutors Office against the suspects. (Peter G. Flores)

Bribery

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QC cops in hot water for extortion

A Quezon City policeman was arrested by agents of the Presidential Anti-Organized Crime Task Force Monday night for extorting some P500,000 from a rape suspect.

SPO4 Cesar Serrano was nabbed at the Central Police District's Station 8 in Project 4 after receiving some P500,000 in marked money from Rommel Melegrito, 25, a businessman.

Serrano is now in the custody of the National Bureau of Investigation-Special Action Unit (SAU).

Melegrito, reportedly a nephew of Senator Teofisto Guingona, was arrested for allegedly raping one Mary Jane, 17. He has denied the accusation.

In Camp Crame, newly appointed Philippine National Police chief Gen. Panfilo Lacson relieved Serrano's three superiors — Supt. Absalon Salboro, Station 8 commander; Chief Insp. Eleazar Tomas, drug enforcement unit chief; and one Chief Insp. Antonio Victor — for allegedly conniving with the erring cop.

In his complaint, Melegrito said the four policemen conspired with Mary Jane, her father Jesus and lawyer Pedro Martinez in demanding P1 million from him in exchange for dropping the charges. They later settled for P500,000.

Martinez, 72, has been invited for questioning.

NBI-SAU chief Edmund Arugay said Serrano's entrapment was set after Melegrito sought the assistance of Lacson and NBI Director Federico Opinion.

Melegrito said Mary Jane had applied to be a guest relations officer in his restaurant.

He admitted he asked the girl to undress so he can see if she had any scars. He denied raping her, however.

Mary Jane had wanted to file charges of acts of lasciviousness against the businessman, but when the cops learned that Melegrito was wealthy, they forced the girl to file rape charges instead.

"Serrano and Tomas said Mary Jane will not press charges anymore if I 'fix' them. My lawyer was trying to give them P30,000 but they refused, until they settled for P500,000," Melegrito said.

At the NBI, Mary Jane confessed that she was not really raped, adding she was only forced by the cops to file the charges.

Meanwhile, another policeman from the same station, SPO3 Eduardo Saclag, was caught accepting a bribe of P120 from Victor Cariño, a truck driver, and Isagani Salem, a taxi driver, near the Caltex gasoline station on Katipunan Street.

Still another Quezon City cop was charged with reckless imprudence resulting in frustrated homicide before the Caloocan City prosecutor's office yesterday.

SPO1 Isidro Andrada, while driving a Ford Laser (NTN-214), hit Teresita Junio, 12, who was pushing a cart on Sampaguita Street, Camarin, Sunday evening.

Andrada's vehicle reportedly lost its brakes, hitting Junio and dragging her for 100 meters.

Andrada tried to escape but was lynched by the girl's neighbors and turned over to authorities.

The cop is assigned at the CPD's Police Community Precinct 10.

The victim, meanwhile, is still in critical condition at East Avenue Medical Center.

Gigi Muñoz-David, Romie A. Evangelista, Jing Villamente and Rio N. Araja

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Cops - extortion
(SPO4 C. Serrano)

Julia

Sunday, November 14, 1999
Malaya

No bail recommended for 'Salisi' members

The Quezon City Prosecutor's Office yesterday recommended a P20,000 bail each of the four alleged members of the "Salisi gang," including two women, who were arrested recently by the operatives of the Central Police District for theft.

The suspects were identified as Jocelyn Nuñez, 24, of Cabrera st., Pasay City; Mary Jane Salas, 22, of Zapote 5 Bacoor, Cavite; Edwin Ayop, 27, of De Los Reyes st., Las Piñas City, and Jonathan Sanchez, 35, of Zapote 5, Bacoor, Cavite, who were charged with robbery.

The four were arrested by the CPD operatives following the complaint of one Lyndon Angka, who reportedly lost a total of 67,000 to the group.

Two of the suspects were collared at the Diamond Hotel in Ermita, Manila while the two others were nabbed in their hideout in Zapote, Bacoor, Cavite.

Recovered from them were one L-300 van, several stereo components, VCD players and tapes, a television unit, speakers, cameras and cellular phones.

Also yesterday, CPD operatives arrested three persons, including a married couple, in connection with robbing incidents, some of them involving taxicabs.

Suspects Edwin Oriosa, Edmundo Merendo and his wife Ellen Gabriel, all of Banlat Road, Barangay Banlat, Quezon City, after they were implicated by one Rommel Sonajon.

Sonajon, who is also facing robbery charges himself, tagged the three as his cohorts in victimizing several taxicabs in the city. The group reportedly posed as passengers then robbed the drivers of their earnings.

Investigator PO3 Pablo Tutanes, of the CPD Station 3 in Sangandaan, said all the suspects are currently detained in the headquarters. **(Jocelyn Montemayor)**

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Salisi gang
(robbery)

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Alleged con gang busted by QC cops

Quezon City police busted Friday an alleged syndicate of swindlers during a sting operation in front of a popular mall in Lagro, Fairview.

Superintendent Cipriano Querol Jr., chief of the Central Police District (CPD) Police Intelligence Unit, identified the alleged syndicate men as Nilo Puno, 31; Jaime Reyes, 30; Manny Alterado, 29, and Danilo Rodriguez, 37, all of Capulong St., Tondo, Manila.

The four were nabbed during a buy-bust operation in front of the Shoe Mart Mall along Quirino Highway in Lagro by a team of policemen led by SPO3 Reggie Antolin.

Querol said the group has been victimizing gullible small store owners looking for a cheap buy. "They introduce themselves to their prey as direct dealers of assorted goods sold at prices cheaper than what's found in the market," said the police officer. "Let's say the victim orders 10 cartons of condensed milk – the syndicate delivers 10 cartons but only two would contain milk."

Antolin's group posed as owners of a *sari-sari* store, luring the suspects to deliver assorted goods and merchandise in exchange for P30,000 in marked money. Police also seized a Toyota Tamaraw van (NKJ-933) which the syndicate use in their operations.

Querol said the syndicate usually sought potential victims by telephone, "offering to deliver the goods at the buyer's doorstep."

He said three of their victims, a certain Ma. Victoria, of Caloocan City; Rowena Suntay, of La Loma, Quezon City and Edna Ang, of Bahay Toro, also in Quezon City, filed swindling charges against the suspects with the Quezon City Prosecutor's Office. Assistant City Prosecutor Edgardo Paragua recommended P15,000 bail each for their provisional liberty. –**Romel Bagares**

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swindlers
(small stores)

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Move to bribe Ovilla case witness hit

By CHRISTINA MENDEZ

One of the whistle-blowers in the police bribery scandal involving former Anonas police station head, Superintendent Francisco Ovilla, expressed fears that there are efforts to discredit the witnesses' credibility in the graft and bribery charges filed against Ovilla and his men.

PO3 Wilfredo Gonzales issued the statement after witness May Gines' abduction last Sunday night, where she implicated SPO3 Benjamin Fonacier, SPO1 Ladislao Rebancos and PO3 Orlin Comia.

Apart from the threats received by Gines, Gonzales fears that there are attempts by the Ovilla camp to amicably settle the rape case Gines' filed.

"There is a strong possibility that they would rather bribe Gines' family, to make her shut up," said Gonzales, before attending an inquiry at the House of Representatives.

"We know we have a strong case against them. One of the ways to influence the prosecution is to discredit the witnesses," he added.

Rep. Roilo Golez called on Gonzales, who along with SPO1 Reynato Resurreccion spilled the beans over the fraudulent release of druglords Jimmy Tan and Robert Koo last Aug. 22, to testify anew on the scandal.

Gonzales lamented that some quarters now question the credibility of Gines, whom they accuse of being a drug dependent and a prostitute.

Gonzales added that prior to Gines' abduction, his colleague, Resurreccion, had apparently shown disinterest in attending preliminary hearings of the rape case against Ovilla before prosecutor Lorna Chua-Cheng.

"Ovilla's camp has started to discredit the witnesses one by one." But during the last preliminary hearing on the rape case, Gines was able to identify Ovilla through distinguishing marks on his chest that apparently gave the prosecution a strong case against the now notorious police officer.

Gonzales surmised that some of the accused have started to discredit witnesses' in an attempt to dissuade the prosecution from formally indicting Ovilla for rape before the Quezon City courts.

Ovilla broke his silence last Tuesday, saying Gines is not a credible witness. "She is a drug dependent and a prostitute," Ovilla said in a television interview inside the Quezon City Jail. Ovilla added he has strong evidence to discredit Gines' claims in court. — **Liberty Dones**

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Bribery - Ovilla case
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Witness abducted by Ovilla's men

By CHRISTINA MENDEZ

Five armed men, including three of the co-accused in the drug-bribery scandal involving Anonas police station chief Superintendent Francisco Ovilla, allegedly abducted last Sunday the 19-year-old complainant who accused Ovilla of raping her inside the police station three months ago.

The complainant, May Gines, who is now a key witness in the criminal cases against Ovilla, told investigator SPO4 Roger Yalung that she was abducted by armed men at around 10:30 a.m. in front of the house of PO3 Wilfredo Gonzales at Dao Street, Project 2 in Anonas.

Gines has sought refuge at Gonzales' house since the drug, bribery and rape scandals involving the former Anonas police station chief broke out. Gonzales is one of two former men of Ovilla who spilled the beans to **The STAR** which first broke the story.

The girl accused Ovilla of raping her at gunpoint, inside the police officer's room on the second floor of the Anonas police station last August, prior to the fraudulent release of two drug lords on Aug. 22. This was allegedly in exchange for P650,000, two cars and the shabu and money found in the cars.

Gines said that she was threatened by three of her abductors whom she identified as SPO4 Ladislao Rebancos, SPO3 Benjamin Fonacier and Police Officer 3 Orlin Comia. The three were formerly assigned at the Anonas police station under Ovilla.

Gines said she can identify the two others , once she sees them again. "*Kilala ko sila kaya hindi ako magkakamali.* (I know them. I cannot make a mistake,)" she said, referring to Fonacier, Rebancos and Comia.

The victim added that Rebancos held her at gunpoint and brought her to a waiting owner-type jeepney. "*May, huwag kang sisigaw kung ayaw mo na ako ang pumatay sa'yo* (Do not yell, or else I will kill you myself)," Gines quoted one of her abductors as saying.

Gonzales, who, with SPO1 Reynato Resurrecion implicated Ovilla and his 11 former men in the release of Taiwanese drug lords Jimmy Tan and Robert Koo last Aug. 22, was asleep at the time. "When I woke up, May was not around. The policeman detailed for our security, apparently did not notice that Gines was missing until I asked him about her," Gonzales said.

In the vehicle, her abductors blindfolded Gines and brought her to an alleged safehouse in Bulacan. "They brought me to a house in Bulacan. They kept telling me to shut up (about the case)," Gines narrated in Filipino.

Five hours later, her abductors dropped her off near the Philippine Coconut Authority in Elliptical Road. From there, Gines boarded a jeepney and reported the incident to the Anonas police station, which turned over the case to the Quezon City Criminal Investigation Unit on orders of Metro Manila police director Chief Superintendent Edgar Aglipay.

Aglipay ordered Central Police District director Senior Superintendent Romulo Sales to give Gonzales and his family a five-man police security detail led by a ranking officer.

Aglipay also told Sales to provide security personnel at the hospital, where Gonzales' wife gave birth to male twins last Friday.

Ovilla, his co-accused, his former deputy, Superintendent Loreto dela Cruz, SPO1 Ronnie Rodaje, SPO1 Eusebio Zambrano and PO3 Manuel Malong are detained at the Quezon City Jail.

Seven others, Fonacier, Comia, Rebancos, Chief Inspector Edwin Misador, SPO4 Florencio Lucila, SPO1 Orencio Jurado, SPO1 Teodoro Lade, remain at large.



HARASSED: Witness May Gines at Camp Karingal. BOY SANTOS

Ovilla case

Gonzales noted that some abusive policemen have included big-time drug pushers and traffickers in their lists of "milking cows."

Some policemen are tolerating illegal gambling activities in their areas of jurisdiction, Gonzales said. "Illegal drugs is a different case all together."

In an interview with **The STAR**, Gonzales confided that he does not want drugs to ruin the lives of his four young sons. *"Mga lalaki ang mga anak ko. Ayoko silang mai-*involve *sa droga."*

Gonzales' wife, Shirley, is six-months pregnant with their fifth child.

Gonzales lamented that he lives in a community where illegal drugs is rampant. "I do not want my children to suffer the same fate as some of my neighbors whose lives were ruined by drugs," he said.

In this controversy, both Resurreccion and Gonzales saw the irony in their being police officers and being co-conspirators in illegal drug activity. This prompted them to blow the whistle.

Both police officers, however, denied speculations that they revealed the story to spite Ovilla and his men, for not giving their share in the P650,000 bribe and the earnings from the 1.5 kilos of shabu seized from the suspects.

Resurreccion, 50, started as a patrolman in 1975. "Being a policeman has always been my ambition," he said.

After taking up Criminology at the Philippine College of Criminology (PCCR), Resurreccion was assigned to the Quezon City police force for duty. He was assigned at the Anonas police station, then Precinct 5 of the Northern Police District. At that time, the NPD encompassed Quezon City, Caloocan City, Malabon, Navotas and Valenzuela.

In fact, he built a house just a few blocks away from Anonas police station, where he and his wife now live with his youngest child, a 16-year old.

The Resurreccions have four sons and two daughters. His second child has finished criminology at the Emilio Aguinaldo College (EAC) in Taft Avenue, Manila.

Resurreccion rose from the ranks, starting as a beat patrolman until he became a desk officer and investigator, his present position.

He was on duty as investigator of the Anonas police station on Aug. 22, when Senior Inspector Edwin Misador (ex-station investigation chief) asked him to join the operation.

"May trabaho tayo, sumama ka na," he quoted Misador as saying.

At the SM North EDSA, Resurreccion narrated that they waited for more than four hours for the two alleged drug lords to arrive. The suspects arrived onboard two cars at the SM parking lot at around 4:30 p.m.

On the signal of an "asset," police agents immediately arrested the suspects, Jimmy Tan and Albert Koo.

"The second suspect (Koo) even passed by me and some of my colleagues. He was speaking in Chinese. That person had a dragon tattooed on his chest," he recalled, adding he could recognize Koo when he sees him again.

After the duo's arrest. Ovilla terminated the operation and directed everyone to proceed to the Anonàs police station.

Since it was already past 6 p.m., Resurreccion said he went home instead. He learned the next day that the suspects were released after money changed hands. "I could not do anything about it, I was only following orders."

Resurreccion added that Ovilla has been telling his men to keep their mouths shut about the SM North EDSA operation. "Total silence *tayo.* Negative *ang* operation," he quoted Ovilla as saying.

Resurreccion, who is to retire after six-years, said he has no personal grudge against Ovilla. *"Wala akong masamang tinapay kay* Col. Ovilla *Sa hindi magandang trabaho lang kaya nangyari ito,"* he said.

Ovilla, who has denied the allegations, has yet to appear before the probe body. Neither has he submitted any formal explanation to his superiors regarding the allegations.

When asked why he joined Gonzales in his 'crusade,' Resurreccion said he would rather see his name in the papers telling the truth about this issue, rather than be accused of bribery and drug coddling. "I will always protect my integrity than accept the bribe money," he said in Filipino.

Ovilla faces rape raps

By ROMMEL BAGARES

First it was bribery. Now it is rape.

The chief of the police station in Anonas, Quezon City who was earlier accused of accepting bribes from suspected drug traffickers is in hot water anew, this time for allegedly raping a 19-year-old girl right in his own turf.

Superintendent Francisco Ovilla was charged yesterday before the Quezon City Prosecutor's Office of allegedly sexually abusing Norma (not her real name) last Aug. 16 inside one of the rooms of the Anonas police station. Accompanied by Vice Mayor Connie Angeles, Norma complained that Ovilla raped her after a drinking session with other policemen. She had been examined by the Philippine National Police-Crime Laboratory and was found to have indeed been raped.

Norma added that on the same night she was abused, Ovilla also raped a woman inmate and the mistress of one of his subordinates. The STAR tried to contact Ovilla but he was not immediately available for comment. The Anonas police chief and 11 of his men are now being investigated for the alleged release of two Chinese nationals suspected of being drug traffickers last Aug. 22.

Yesterday, the Office of the Ombudsman which investigates charges against government officials, launched a probe on the case. Acting Ombudsman Margarito Gervacio said he initiated the probe after reading reports that the drug suspects were "released without any trace or record."

"We're expecting a report in 10 days," said Gervacio, acting in behalf of Ombudsman Aniano Desierto who is in Australia.

— With Delon Porcalla

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Aglipay: Expedite admin case of 12 QC cops in bribe row

Metro Manila police director Chief Superintendent Edgar Aglipay has ordered Superintendent Avelino Icaliner, of the Southern Police District, to speed up the administrative probe on the 12 accused in the fraudulent release of two Taiwanese drug lords in Quezon City three months ago.

Aglipay issued the order following reports that the police have been dragging their feet in the investigation of former Anonas police head Superintendent Francisco Ovilla and 11 of his men, who are facing summary dismissal proceedings before the NCR police office.

Icaliner was given 45 days to wrap up his investigation on Ovilla, Superintendent Loreto dela Cruz, Chief Inspector Edwin Misador, SPO4 Florencio Lucila, SPO3 Benjamin Fonacier, SPOs1 Ronnie Rodaje, Orencio Jurado and Eusebio Zambrano Jr., POs3 Manuel Malong and Orly Comia, and PO2 Ladislao Rebancos.

Icaliner was designated to conduct summary dismissal proceedings on allegations that the 12 police officers received P650,000 in exchange for the release of alleged drug lords Jimmy Tan and Albert Koo after their arrest at the SM North EDSA parking lot last Aug. 22.

Lawyer Amado Valdez of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines (IBP) earlier slammed the police for its slow-paced administrative proceedings.

Sources revealed that the NCRPO immediately sent the "bulk" of the documents pertinent to the case to Icaliner's office, shortly after the alleged slow-paced probe was published in **The STAR.**

— **Christina Mendez**

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Bribery case - QC cops
(Taiwanese drug lords)
(Supt. F. Ovilla + others)

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Three of Ovilla's men in bribe case yield

By JOSE ARAVILLA and CHRISTINA MENDEZ

Three of the 11 Quezon City policemen formerly under relieved Anonas police station chief Superintendent Francisco Ovilla being hunted for their participation in the scandalous release of two drug traffickers in exchange for bribes last August have surrendered.

This developed as one of the wanted lawmen reportedly shot and injured an alleged drug pusher in the city last Wednesday night.

SPO1 Ronnie Rodaje and PO3 Manuel Malong went to the National Bureau of Investigation last Wednesday afternoon with their lawyers.

On the other hand, SPO1 Eusebio Zambrano, yielded to Quezon City Judge Diosdado Peralta yesterday morning. Rodaje and Malong are now at the NBI detention center while Zambrano has been committed to the Quezon City Jail.

Judge Peralta earlier issued a warrant of arrest for the three and eight other lawmen for allegedly allowing two Chinese nationals to go free after arresting them for drug trafficking.

The lawmen were accused of receiving a bribe of P650,000 from the two foreigners in exchange for their freedom.

Among those charged for releasing the two foreigners were Ovilla who is now detained in the Quezon City Jail awaiting trial with his deputy Superintendent Loreto de la Cruz.

Seven of Ovilla's subordinates, however, continue to be at large. They are Senior Inspector Edwin Misador, SPO4 Florendo Lucila, SPO3 Benjamin Fonacier, SPO2 Teodorico Lado, SPO1 Jorencio Jurado, PO3 Orlin Comia and PO2 Ladislao Rebangos.

One of the eight — Misador — has retired while another — Jurado — has recently been sighted.

In what could be a new twist in the sensational bribery case, Jurado was reported as having shot and injured one of Quezon City's alleged big-time drug pushers who reportedly double-crossed him.

Police reports said Jurado shot and wounded a certain Armando Suarez inside the house of one Chona Taba along Delos Reyes street in Project 4, Quezon City.

Jurado and Suarez reportedly engaged in a heated argument, causing the former to shoot the latter. Suarez is now recuperating in a Manila hospital, the police said.

Senior Superintendent Romulo Sales, Quezon City police chief, said he has ordered an investigation on the shooting incident.

He added that a similar investigation will also be done on Chona Taba, the owner of the house where the shooting took place, who was reportedly arrested by the police yesterday morning for drug pushing.

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Bribery case - cops
(released drug traffickers)
(SPO1 Rodaje - SPO3 Malong)

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QC cop facing reckless imprudence charges draws additional bail

By JOCELYN MOTEMAYOR

An operative of the Central Police District Mobile Group, who, while driving a mobile car, had struck down two sisters in Quezon City last October 19, was ordered yesterday to post an additional P8,000 bail for his temporary liberty, following the death of one of the victims.

PO3 Jonathan Isidoro, of Project 3, Quezon City, was directed to post a P12,00 bail last week following the incident.

The new bail resulted from the filing by the police of additional charges of reckless imprudence resulting to homicide and unintentional abortion following the death of Joy Tapion, 23, of Mapagbigay st., Barangay Pinayahan, Quezon City, who was three months pregnant when hit by the police car (body no. 131) driven by the accused, who was reportedly drunk at the time, Chief Inspector Bartolome Bustamante, CPD spokesperson, said.

The accused policeman was earlier charged criminally with reckless imprudence resulting to multiple serious physical injuries and administratively for driving while under the influence of liquor.

Isidoro has initially posted a bail of P12,000, which enabled him to temporarily go free, according to Bustamante.

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Cop - reckless imprudence
(PO3 J. Isidoro)

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QC cop nabbed for extortion

Elements of the Criminal Investigation and Detection Group (CIDG) arrested last Friday a member of the Central Police District for alleged extortion.

CIDG National Capital Region director Superintendent Napoleon Estiles, identified the suspect as PO3 Danilo Basa, 46, detailed with the motorcycle unit of the District Traffic Enforcement Group.

Estiles said Basa was arrested after several bus drivers plying the EDSA route complained to the CIDG about the suspect's alleged extortion racket.

According to the complainants, Basa would usually be in the vicinity of SM North EDSA where he would flag down buses and collect at least P200 per bus.

Estiles said one of Basa's favorite "targets" is the Partas bus line which plies the Manila-Ilocos route and is reportedly owned by Ilocos Sur Gov. Luis Singson.

Basa was arrested after recieving three marked P100 bills from Dominador Calera, driver of the Ilocos-bound bus which he flagged down near SM North EDSA.

After Basa received the marked cash, undercover CIDG agents approached him and promptly disarmed him.

Last Saturday, charges of robbery-extortion were filed against Basa before the Quezon City Prosecutor's Office. — **Mike Frialde**

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LOCAL HISTORY

Extortion - Traffic enforcement (bus driver) (PO3 D. Basa)

Police

MANILA BULLETIN, Wed., Oct. 27, 1999

Puno residence in QC strafed

Central Police District Office (CPDO) Director Senior Supt. Romulo Sales yesterday ordered his men to conduct a thorough investigation to identify and arrest the people behind the strafing of the residence of Interior and Local Government Secretary Ronaldo V. Puno.

No one was reported injured or killed in the incident, police reports said.

Sales said he ordered his men to form a special team of investigators to

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handle the case, adding that several people will be invited for questioning to shed light in the strafing incident.

Investigation disclosed that unidentified armed reportedly onboard a yellow Toyota Corolla and a red Lite Ace sprayed with bullets the house of Puno located at Green Meadows Avenue, Libis, Quezon City at around 3:15 a.m.

Sales, after the incident, immediately ordered his men on red-alert status as he directed them to re-intensified their foot and mobile patrol near the house of Puno and the office of Department of Interior and Local Fovernment (DILG) to avoid another untoward incident.

Report said that the outside upper portion of the house of Puno was riddled with bullets. Investigators, in an interview, said several empty shells from cal. 9mm pistol were recovered several meters from the secretary's house.

Puno, in an interview, called on the public not to be alarmed about the incident, saying that this is an isolated incident. (Rico C. Navarro)

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Puno residence - strafing

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Isolated?

Interior and Local Government Secretary Ronaldo V. Puno yesterday called on the public not to be alarmed about the strafing incident at his residence on Green Meadows Ave.,Libis, Quezon City, early yesterday morning.

"This is an isolated incident and our people should not be alarmed about it," Puno said in an interview after speaking at the launching ceremony of the Pagkain sa Mesa para sa Masa project at the Quezon City Memorial Circle.

Unidentified armed men sprayed with bullets the house of Secretary Puno before dawn yesterday. According to investigators, the duty security spotted a yellow Toyota Corolla car and red Liteace van when the incident happened. They were believed to be the getaway vehicles of the armed men.

Police report said the outside upper portion of the DILG secretary's house was riddled with bullets, and empty shells from cal. 9mm pistols were recovered at the scene of the crime.

"The incident is not indicative of a deteriorating peace and order condition in the country, especially in Quezon City which is a large area," Sec. Puno said.

Puno said he did not know of the strafing incident until he was awakened by one of his security aides.

As a result of the incident, Puno instructed to tighten security arrangement not only in his residence but also at the DILG office which was also riddled with bullets only last week. He however dismissed the idea of adding more security men. (Rico C. Navarro)

More men

Metro Manila Police Director Chief Supt. Edgar Aglipay said yesterday that he ordered the additional deployment of security personnel at the house of Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) Secretary Ronaldo Puno which was peppered with bullets by unidentified gunmen early in the morning yesterday.

Aglipay said aside from Puno's security detail, he assigned more men to secure the secretary whenever he is an official or private meeting in the metropolis.

"This will mean that wherever he is, my men will secure every nook and corner of the area to prevent any possible attack against him". Aglipay said.

Aglipay said police probers are still determining whether the attack on Puno's residence at Green Meadows in Quezon City was perpetrated by the same men who strafed his office two weeks ago. (Madelynne Dominguez)

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Cop in killer car positive for alcohol

The Quezon City cop who hit two women while driving a patrol car last week is in deeper trouble, after a breath test found him positive for alcohol.

Senior Supt. Romulo Sales, director of the Central Police District, said the likes of PO3 Jonathan Isidoro should not be tolerated.

One of Isidoro's victims, Joy Tapion, died of severe infections Saturday after five days in a coma. She was four months pregnant.

Her sister Hermilyn, whose right leg had been amputated, remains in the hospital.

Charges of reckless imprudence resulting in serious physical injuries filed against Isidoro have been elevated to reckless imprudence resulting in homicide.

"He (Isidoro) has been relieved since the accident, with his service firearm and badge confiscated, and he has to pay another amount for his bail," said Maj. Anthony Rodolfo, CPD mobile patrol chief.

Isidoro had paid P12,000 for his temporary liberty Friday.

He is now in the custody of Supt. Efren Aglipay of the CPD district support service unit.

Sales said the CPD would offer P50,000 for Joy's hospital and funeral expenses.

Quezon City Mayor Ismael Mathay, meanwhile, is paying for Hermilyn's hospitalization.

The Tapion family wants the National Bureau of Investigation, not the Philippine National Police, to conduct an autopsy on Joy's cadaver "to prevent a whitewash."

Joy and Hermilyn were waiting for a ride on V. Luna Street midnight of Oct. 19 when they were hit by mobile car C-131 driven by Isidoro.

Meanwhile, the driver of a six-wheeler truck that sideswiped and killed a patrolling Malabon policeman was charged yesterday with reckless imprudence resulting in homicide with damage to property before the Malabon Prosecutor's Office.

Prosecutor Pacifico Flores recommended a bail of P12,000 for the temporary liberty of 33-year-old Jose Damagan, a driver of BBB Shell Service Center in Valenzuela City.

Twenty-four-year-old PO1 Allen Abenir of the Potrero detachment was conducting a police visibility patrol on board a motorcycle along McArthur Highway corner Durian Street when he was hit by the speeding truck, Sunday midnight.

Abenir was taken to Fatima Medical Center in Valenzuela City where he was pronounced dead.

In Pasay City, an 18-year-old coed was run over by a speeding bus yesterday morning.

Maricel Lomboy, a student of St. Paul Manila and resident of Fort Bonifacio, Makati City, was crossing the street when hit by an Aladdin Transit bus (PWJ-833) driven by 39-year-old Feliciano Macarelay. She died instantly.

Macarelay surrendered to the police immediately after the incident. He is facing charges of reckless imprudence resulting in homicide.

Jing Villamente, Gardhen Raymundo-Claveria and Sherwin C. Olaes

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Cop - vehicular accident
(PO3 Isidoro)

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NEWS
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Bail recommended for QC cop peddling shabu

By JOCELYN MONTEMAYOR

The Quezon City prosecutor's office has recommended a P75,000 bail bond for a member of the Central Police District who was caught last week by his colleagues peddling at least P100,000 worth of shabu.

Assistant city prosecutor Zenaida Abad recommended the total amount against SPO1 Rustico ("Bombay") Singh Roldan, formerly detailed at Police Station 9 along Anonas Road, with P60,000 for violation of the Dangerous Drug Law, and P15,000 for violation of the Omnibus Election Code.

Sr. Supt. Romulo Sales, CPD director, on the other hand, has formally endorsed the summary dismissal of Roldan, 44, of Sitio Bacood, Tandang Sora, Quezon City.

The recommendation was in line with the Philippine National Police campaign against illegal drugs.

Roldan, who as "Bombay," was reportedly in the drug watchlist of the Central Police District for the past five years, was nabbed by CPD operatives last Oct. 19 during a buy-bust operation along Apollo st., Barangay Banlat Quezon City.

He is now detained at the city jail following the filing of the charges.

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Cop - Peddling shabu
(SPO1, Roldan)

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QC cop nabbed for drugs

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■ By DENNIS CARCAMO
Correspondent

ANOTHER Quezon City policeman is now in hot water after being caught selling shabu during an entrapment by operatives of the Central Police District.

Supt. Romulo Sales, Central Police District has recommended to the National Capital Region Police Office the summary dismissal of Senior Police Officer 1 Rustico Roldan for drug trafficking.

Police investigators said that Roldan, 44, also known in the underworld as "Bombay" and assigned at the Quezon City police station 9, was caught by agents of the police Drug Enforcement Group during a buy-bust operations at Apollo Street in barangay Banlat, Quezon City on October 19 .

Operatives confiscated from Roldan 52.18 grams of shabu worth P100,000.

Roldan's service firearm and bullets were also confiscated by lawmen.

The suspect is now under the custody of NCRPO personnel, and was charged with drug trafficking before the Quezon City Prosecutors Office.

The prosecutor had recommended a P75,000 bail for violation of RA 6425 and Comelec gun ban.

Roldan was not in uniform when he was arrested and the policeman does not have any Comelec permit to carry firearms during the campaign period for the November 23 plebiscite for the cityhood of Novaliches.

The National Police had launched a crackdown against police scalawags, particularly drug dependents and those involved in criminal activities like drug trafficking.

Police officer-in-charge Deputy Director General Edmundo Larroza had also ordered drug test on all police officers to determine the drug addicts in the police force.

Cop - selling shabu
(SPO1 R. Roldan)

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18 Quezon City villages being watched by cops

By JERRY BOTIAL

Some 18 squatter-populated barangays of Quezon City are under tight watch by the Philippine National Police (PNP) as the city girds for the plebiscite on the cityhood of Novaliches tomorrow.

Under the law, all voters of Quezon City, including those in the 15 barangays that will comprise the new Novaliches City, must ratify the new city's creation.

In a four-page report to Commission on Elections (Comelec) Chairman Harriet Demetriou, Central Police District (CPD) chief Senior Superintendent Romulo Sales identified the "primary areas of concern" as Barangays Bahay Toro, Bagong Pagasa, Balingasa, Paltok, and San Antonio (District 1); Commonwealth, Holy Spirit, Batasan Hills, Bagong Silangan, Payatas, and Culiat (District 2); Matandang Balara, Escopa I, Escopa II, Escopa III, Escopa IV and Pansol (District 3); San Martin de Porres and Tatalon (District 4).

These problem areas have a combined population of about 345,000 representing over 33 percent of the 1,065,623 voting population of Quezon City, according to Comelec records.

Furthermore, Barangays Culiat, Payatas and Tatalon are predominantly Muslim areas and are seen as potential flash points.

Nevertheless, Sales said the peace and order situation in Quezon City is generally peaceful. "The forthcoming plebiscite for Novaliches' cityhood is no different from other elections . . . (It is just that) syndicated crime groups (might) see the event as an opportunity to do their thing as local officials and the police may be too preoccupied with election duties and concerns," he added.

Sales also said there is not a single barangay in the four districts of Quezon City falling under the "Controlled Area" category, which means that a barangay is under the control of insurgents.

Neither is there any which falls under the "Critical Area" Category, meaning that a barangay is infiltrated by armed persons believed to be insurgents.

Also, no area covered by the CPD may be considered as areas where violent confrontations between political parties or personalities are likely to arise, Sales added.

Demetriou, through Resolution 3085, has directed that the gun ban be imposed during the whole plebiscite period beginning Sept. 23 to Nov. 7, 1999.

The ban on cockfighting and other forms of gambling, fairs, boxing or any other similar sports will be imposed only on plebiscite day itself beginning at 12 midnight.

The 48-hour liquor ban started at Thursday midnight and ends at midnight of plebiscite day, Saturday, Oct. 23, 1999. Only classes in schools to be used as polling places and whose teachers are members of the plebiscite committees will be suspended today (Friday).

The Comelec said there are 170 polling centers in Quezon City for the plebiscite. Automated ballot counting machines will be used for the speedy transmission of results expected to be known within 24 hours after plebiscite day.

Meanwhile, Quezon City Rep. Dante Liban said yesterday that the "yes" vote for the Novaliches cityhood is gaining ground among businessmen and "the majority" of 2.2 million Quezon City residents. — **With Liberty Dones**

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Comelec - squatters area

The Philippine STAR METRO
15 FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1999

Ovilla ordered detained in QC jail

Quezon City Judge Diosdado Peralta has ordered the detention of relieved Anonas police head, Superintendent Francisco Ovilla, in the city jail, three days after warrants of arrest were served against him.

But the police have yet to implement Peralta's order, apparently waiting for the guidance of Philippine National Police Deputy Director General Edmundo Larroza .

"We have received the commitment order, directing us to bring Superintendent Ovilla to the city jail. However, we are still consulting with the office of the PNP chief for clearance before implementing it. We will be abiding by it since that is what the law dictates us to do," said Senior Superintendent Romulo Sales, Central Police District director.

Ovilla's lawyers, however, have moved for police custody of their client, who has been confined at the Camp Panopio General Hospital since Tuesday.

In a motion filed before the court, the beleaguered police officer said he is suffering from an open wound in his knee and is recuperating from a heart aliment. Ovilla is facing charges for qualified bribery and obstruction in the apprehension and prosecution of criminals in the sala of Judge Peralta with no bail set for his temporary liberty.

Apart from this, Ovilla and his co-accused former subordinates are also facing graft charges where P20,000 bail each is recommended. Apparently, the Quezon City police has not served all pending warrants against all the accused arising from the anomalous release of two Taiwanese drug lords identified as Jimmy Tan and Robert Koo in exchange for cash last month.

Sales said he has instructed his men to search all possible hangouts of all the accused identified as Superintendent Loreto dela Cruz, Senior Inspector Edwin Misador, SPO4 Florencio Lucila, SPO3 Benjamin Fonacier, SPO2 Teodorico Lado, SPO1 Ronnie Rodaje, SPO1 Orencio Jurado, SPO1 Eusebio Zanbrano, PO3 Orlin Comia, PO3 Manuel Malong and PO2 Ladislao Rebancos. — **Christina Mendez**

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Ovilla case - detention

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QC folk warned on gun ban

Central Police District (CPD) authorities yesterday started a series of consultative dialogue for an orderly and peaceful observance of All Saints Day in Quezon City on Nov. 1.

Senior Supt. Romulo D. Sales, CPD director, told CPD stations and field commanders that the ban on carrying of guns will be strictly implemented until Nov. 15.

"As you very well know, the gun ban from Oct. 15 to Nov. 15 was ordered by the Commission on Elections (Comelec) to ensure a peaceful holding of the referendum over the proposed cityhood of Novaliches and its separation from Quezon City on Saturday, Oct. 23," Sales said in a radio interview.

He said uniformed policemen and those in civilian clothes will conduct regular patrol of residential areas, including cemeteries and memorial parks.

"While Nov. 1 event is a traditional traffic-oriented affair, yet we would not allow opportunists and criminal elements, notably the 'Akyat Bahay "to make use if the situation,' Sales added. (Sel A. Baysa)

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Gun ban - Nov. 1

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8 QC cops in extort case face charges

Eight Quezon City policemen, all members of the Central Police District (CPD) Mobile Patrol Unit, who were accused of allegedly planting marijuana and then extorting money from two Japanese and their Filipina companion, were charged before the Quezon City Prosecutor's Office for extortion yesterday.

The suspects were identified as SPO4 Cesar Briones; SPO1s Honesto Sanchez, Cesar Turingan and Rodolfo Madriaga; PO3 Marcelo Lacdao, PO2 Michael Chavez, PO3 Tomas Gonzales and PO1 Anselmo Lazatin.

Investigation revealed that the eight cops were in their patrol cars when they apprehended a certain Yolly Guevarra Otsuka for a supposed traffic violation along Commonwealth Avenue last Sept. 16.

Otsuka was driving a Hi-Ace van with two Japanese nationals on board. She claimed that when the policemen stopped her vehicle, she and her companions were asked to alight.

"They said they would search the insides of the van," she said. Her two Japanese companions, she added, were ordered to strip.

After several minutes of searching, the policemen allegedly came up with several sachets of dried marijuana which they claimed to have found inside the van.

Shocked, Otsuka and her companions never resisted as they were taken by the policemen to the University of the Philippines campus in Diliman, allegedly to settle the case. "They asked us for P50,000 or else they said they would charge us," Otsuka said.

Since they did not have the said amount, Otsuka said she bargained with the policemen who agreed to accept P25,000. They were allowed to leave after paying the said amount.

Otsuka then went to complain and file charges before the Department of the Interior and Local Government office in Kamuning that same day. — **Christina Mendez**

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Cops - Extortion
(SPO4 C. Briones + others)

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QC policeman arrested for blackmail, extortion

By MIKE FRIALDE

Elements of the Criminal Investigation and Detection Group arrested last Monday a Quezon City policeman for allegedly extorting P80,000 from a retired Army general.

Chief Superintendent Lucas Managuelod CIDG director said that Police Officer 2 Ferdinand Castulo of the CPD Drug Enforcement Unit was nabbed shortly after receiving a white envelope containing marked money inside the office of the Association of Generals and Flag Officers inside Camp Aguinaldo.

Managuelod said that the entrapment was conducted after victim, retired Brig. Gen. Catalino Villanueva, complained to the CIDG that the suspect was blackmailing him.

According to Villanueva, Castulo earlier approached him and accused him of allegedly impregnating a girlfriend. Though Villanueva did not deny that he had been seeing the girl, he denied having impregnated her.

Later, Villanueva's former girlfriend called him up and asked for P200,000 as financial support. Though he explained that he was not the one responsible for her pregnancy, he agreed to give the amount.

Castulo, Villanueva said, later called him up and claimed that the girl was demanding another P100,000 in assistance. Again, the victim agreed to give the money.

However days later, Castulo approached Villanueva again and claimed that the latter had also impregnated the former girlfriend's sister and that the victim should shell out an additional P500,000 in "financial assistance."

When Villanueva refused to pay, Castulo lowered the amount to P200,000 and threatened to expose the victim's alleged illicit activities to reporters.

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Cop - blackmail + extortion
(PO2 F. Castulo)

Malaya
Thursday, September 23, 1999

4 robbery suspects in QC fall

By D'JAY LAZARO

Operatives of the Central Police District Batasan Hills station have arrested four suspected notorious robbers operating in Metro Manila, particularly in Quezon City, in an intensified weeklong police operation.

Arrested were Maximo dela Peña, 38, of Filinvest Road 1, Batasan Hills; Randy Bernandico, 22, of Sinagtala st., Batasan Hills; Alex Diaz, 25, of Purok 1, Luzon ave., Old Balara; and Rolando Escandor, 30, of Perez st., Pansol, all in Quezon City.

Supt. Jolly Batasan, Batasan Hills station commander, said robbery charges have been filed against the suspects before the QC Prosecutor's Office.

Dizon claimed Dela Peña was arrested during a buy-bust operation near his house Friday. He was earlier tagged by Elizabeth Sabile, owner of Dunkin Donut's, as the one who staged a robbery in her store and carted away P26,000 in cash and more than P450,000 worth of jewelry.

Diaz was arrested after he grabbed the necklace of Mary Grace Arsenio, and Bernandico, for snatching the necklace of Jovielyn delos Reyes-Ruiz.

Robbery - QC

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Total gun ban in QC

The Central Police District and the Quezon City government yesterday issued a warning to gunowners of a citywide gun ban which will be implemented starting tomorrow in preparation for the Oct. 23 Novaliches cityhood plebicite.

Senior Supt. Romulo Sales, CPD director, said Commission on Elections chairperson Harriet Demetriou has already given her directive to the Quezon City government, Philippine National Police and Armed Forces of the Philippines regarding the rules and regulations that should be implemented during the plebicite.

The police and military were deputized to strictly implement the one-month gun ban.

"Starting Thursday, carrying as well as transporting of firearms and deadly weapons is prohibited. Even if they had licenses to carry, they would be arrested if their firearms are not Comelec-accredited," Sales said.

A mandatory search at all check points will also be implemented.

Jing Villamente

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Gun ban - Oct 23, 1999
(Novaliches cityhood plebicite)

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Hunt for QC cop pressed

Metro Manila Police Director Chief Supt. Edgar Aglipay ordered his men yesterday to intensify the hunt for erstwhile Anonas police station head Supt. Francisco Ovilla who reportedly went into hiding after allegedly being involved in the release of two Hong Kong national drug traffickers.

The order was made despite intelligence reports that Ovilla had already fled abroad.

Aglipay directed Senior Supt. Romulo Sales, Central Police District (CPD) director, to immediately track down and arrest Ovilla.

"I've already directed Senior Supt. Sales to monitor Ovilla's movements so he can be arrested anytime we receive the warrant from the Ombudsman," said Aglipay.

However, both Aglipay and Sales admitted they have no knowledge of the whereabouts of Ovilla. (Madelynne Dominguez)

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Drug traffickers - release
(Supt. Ovilla)

Police

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Police tag 18 QC barangays as 'hot' spots in plebiscite

By MARILOU T. JUMILLA

The Commission on Elections and the Philippine National Police are closely monitoring 18 "hot spots" in Quezon City in connection with the orthcoming plebiscite on Novaliches cityhood next month.

In a report to Comelec chair Harriet Demetriou, Sr. Supt. Romulo Sales, Central Police District director, identified the "hot" areas as Barangays Bahay Toro, Bagong Pag-asa, Balingasa, Paltok and San Antonio, all in District 1.

Also being watched tightly are Barangays Commonwealth Holy Spirit, Batasan Hills, Bagong Silangan, Payatas and Culiat in District II; Barangays Matandang Balara, Escopa I, Escopa II, Escopa III, Escopa IV and Pansol in District III; and Barangays San Martin de Porres and Tatalon in District IV.

These areas are mostly occupied by squatters, according to Sales.

Police are monitoring rouynd-the-clock Barangays Culiat, Payatas and Tatalon, which are occupied mostly by Muslims.

Demetriou said more than 33 percent of the total number of registered voters in Quezon City come from these identified hot spots. At least 344,861 voters in the city are expected to participate in Oct. 23 plebiscite.

"The forthcoming plebiscite for the Novaliches cityhood is no different from other normal elections. So, we are on guard to see to it that syndicated crime groups would not have the opportunity to do their thing," said Sales.

To ensure a safe and peaceful plebiscite, the PNP will deploy 1,000 policemen in the areas to keep the peace and order situation, he added.

Novaliches plebiscite - Barangays - hot areas

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Manhunt for missing Anonas cop chief up

By LIBERTY DONES and CHRISTINA MENDEZ

Three congressmen asked the Quezon City police yesterday to order a manhunt for former Anonas police station head Superintendent Francisco Ovilla who has not surfaced since the filing of numerous charges against him.

Reps. Michael Defensor (LP, Quezon City), Plaridel Abaya (LAMP, Cavite), and Roilo Golez (LAMP, Parañaque) asked Central Police District head Senior Superintendent Romulo Sales to hunt down Ovilla, who failed to attend yesterday's hearing of the House Committee on Public Order and Security.

The committee headed by Golez is investigating reports that Ovilla and 13 of his men released two suspected international drug traffickers, Jimmy Tan and Albert Koo, in exchange for P650,000, two cars and the 1.5 kilos of shabu allegedly confiscated from them, not to mention the P3 million in cash said to have also been confiscated.

The solons noted that Ovilla has never appeared before investigating panels or surfaced to face charges, including the alleged rape of two women, aside from the release of the suspected drug traffickers from Hong Kong.

Bohol Rep. Ernesto Herrera said Ovilla might face death for the alleged rape of the two women and the release of suspected international drug traffickers.

Herrera said that Ovilla's rape of the two women was aggravated by the fact that the victims were a detainee and a police helper, making Ovilla a candidate for lethal injection.

In yesterday's hearing, Central Police District officers told the committee that Ovilla was actually on floating status prior to his assignment in Anonas because he was accused of similar cases.

"We got reports from the Narcotics Group that he was relieved from his unit because of this kind of activity — extortion and coddling of drug traffickers," said Superintendent Napoleon Castro of the CPD's Criminal Investigation Division.

Meanwhile, Sales asked the Ombudsman yesterday to issue a hold departure order (HDO) against Ovilla and 11 of his men to allay fears that they would flee the country.

At the same time, Sales denied reports (not by **The STAR**) that Ovilla had already fled to Canada.

Police noted that Ovilla has never appeared before the body created by the CPD to investigate the controversy to air his side. Neither has he issued any explanation to his superiors since the story broke out.

However, Sales informed reporters that Ovilla has contacted Chief Superintendent Florencio Fianza, National Capital Regional Police Office deputy director for administration, and has expressed intention to surrender at Camp Ricardo Papa in Bicutan, Taguig.

Indicted with Ovilla were Superintendent Loreto dela Cruz, Senior Inspector Edwin Misador, SPO4 Florendo Lucila, SPO3 Benjamin Fonacier Jr., SPO2 Teodorico Lado, SPOs 1 Ronnie Rodaje, Orencio Jurado, Eusebio Zambrano, POs3 Orlin Comia and Manuel Malong, and PO2 Ladislao Rebancos.

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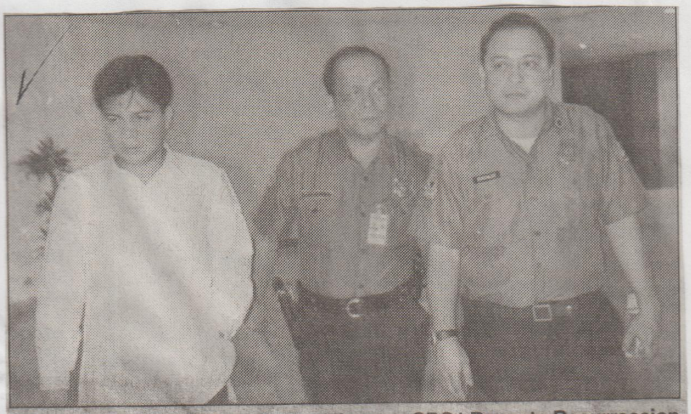
ANONAS COP BRIBERY CASE

The whistle-blowers



SPILLING THE BEANS: Anonas policemen SPO1 Reynato Resurreccion and PO2 Wilfredo Gonzales being escorted by Quezon City Rep. Michael Defensor at the House of Representatives. BOY SANTOS

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By CHRISTINA MENDEZ

Two brave souls. Two police officers helping the Philippine National Police to gain back the public's trust and confidence which have been gravely diminished by too many corrupt law enforcers.

To their colleagues, SPO1 Reynato Resurreccion and PO2 Wilfredo Gonzales were typical members of the Central Police District (CPD) — until they broke their silence about things they can longer stomach: police corruption and illegal drugs.

Before they surfaced to point an accusing finger at former Anonas police station commander Superintendent Francisco Ovilla and 12 of their colleagues for the scandalous release of two alien drug traffickers in return for bribes consisting of P650,000, two Honda sedans and 1.5 kilos of shabu, they lived simple lives. Not very complicated as it is now.

On Monday, five of the nine policemen implicated in the scandal surfaced before the police investigating board to corroborate the revelations of Gonzales and Resurreccion.

Since The STAR broke the story on the bribery case, both Gonzales' and Resurreccion's families have lived in fear. Each received death threats for publicly opening this can of worms. Gonzales' children have stopped going to school, for fear that the 'accused' would get back at them.

Last Sunday, unidentified men fired a shot at Gonzales' house. One of the 'accused' also threatened Resurreccion's wife after the shooting incident.

Prior to their revelations, Gonzales' life revolved around his family and his work as the finance officer of the Galas police station, also in Quezon City. He augmented his meager income as a policeman by engaging in the softdrinks delivery and aquarium fish businesses.

Before he became a policeman, Gonzales, 39, worked as an overseas worker for six years in Saudi Arabia, starting as a clerk until he became an auditor of the Mohammad Almuju Refinery.

He decided to settle down in the country after his mother died in 1987. Gonzales asked his dying mother's blessings to enter the police service.

"She was against my plan to enter the service until I asked her again two days before she died. I had her blessings," he recalled. "I guess it runs in the blood."

Gonzales was the youngest in a brood of six children. He and the eldest, Joey, entered the police service. The elder Gonzales retired from the service a few years back.

Gonzales has had his share of successes as a police officer, having started as a police aide during the time of the late police General Ernesto San Diego in 1987.

Upon the prodding of Gen. San Diego's son, Superintendent Elmo San Diego, Gonzales entered the police service in 1990 after taking formal training.

Among his accomplishments are the neutralization of the "Bamboo Gang," and the "Akyat-Bahay Gang" operating in the New Manila area; the 1992 Fortune Tobacco robbery, and the kidnapping of Dr. Criselda Abad-Santos in May, 1993, where several suspects were wounded in a shootout.

He also participated in the arrest of the suspects in the Philippine Commercial and Industrial (PCI) Bank robbery in Tomas Morato in 1993, and the busting of a big-time car theft ring, which sold stolen luxury cars to Viva Entertainment executives.

Gonzales lamented though that he did not get the "spot promotions" promised by his superiors then, due to the tedious process of getting promotions approved at the National Police Commission.

"Masaya na rin namang malaman na makatulong at ma-recognize *ni* Mayor (Ismael Mathay) *para sa* accomplishments," he said.

When asked why he spilled the beans on what transpired on Aug. 22 which led to the release of alleged drug traffickers Jimmy Tan and Albert Koo, Gonzales said he was bothered by his conscience upon learning about the release.

He lamented that several police officers have resorted to bribery and corruption to earn extra cash. "Instead of helping solve the worsening drug problem, some police officers have resorted to bribery," he said.

Supt. Ovilla
Bribery case

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CPD cops to establish 'alarm system' in QC

By SEL A. BAYSA

An "alarm system" will be established shortly in the 142 barangays in Quezon City as an effective measure in combating drug trafficking in the former capital.

"The system is linked to the police stations for fast response on drug-related activities" said Sr. Supt. Romulo D. Sales, Central Police District (CPD) director in a radio interview.

Sales said barangay and other community leaders were harnessed by the CPD authorities in its all-out drive against the menace which the local police hope to eradicate in due time with the valuable help and support of the citizenry.

According to him, of the QC's 142 barangays, 49 were declared "Drug Free" as a result of the efficient police community team work and coordination.

"We are certain to put an end to drug related problems in the 93 barangays in QC at the turn of the century owing to the growing concerns of residents on the ill-effects of drugs in their respective barangay," Sales added.

The CPD chief earlier instructed he CPD Community relations Division (CRD), headed by Supt. Philmore Balmaceda to step up the information drive against prohibited drugs during the regular CRD barangay meetings.

Balmaceda informed Sales that the CPD-CRD is conducting anti-drug seminars among students in private and public school and universities within the city.

During radio interview Sales ordered an intensified monitoring on the activities of suspected drug pushers and their cohorts notably those plying their trade in night clubs and funhouses.

He said the CPD has many ongoing campaign to rid drug problems topped by "Oplan Bakal" and the constant monitoring of suspected source of banned drugs.

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Alarm System
(Drug trafficking)

Manila Standard
Monday, September 13, 1999

Spate of shootings in QC

Central Police District operatives are now hot on the trail of a policeman and four unidentified armed men who figured in three separate shooting incidents in Quezon City.

The first victims were identified as Francis Esquillo, 22 and Leonardo Miraran, 20, of Barangay Tatalon.

Investigation showed Esquillo and Miranan were conversing in front of a neighbor's house on Emerald Street when SPO2 Joselito Blazo passed by on board a motorcycle around 1 a.m. last Saturday.

SPO2 Rolando Fernandez, investigating officer, said Blazo, who was reportedly drunk at the time, threatened the victims, saying something bad would happen to them.

Blazo, assigned at the Bureau of Customs in Manila, returned to the place, approached the victims, pulled out his .45 cal. pistol and shot Esquillo in the head and Miranan in different parts of the body.

Esquillo died on the spot while Miranan was taken to the Philippine Orthopedic Center on Banawe Street where he was pronounced in critical condition.

Meanwhile, a store owner was shot dead by a lone gunman in Barangay Batasan Hills, also last Saturday.

Eriberto Namoco, 53, was attending to a buyer inside his store when an unidentified man shot him thrice around 9 p.m.

In Barangay East Fairview, three unidentified assailants shot dead Gilbert Tayamora, 30, a security guard inside Vermont Park Subdivision around 2:20 a.m.

Tayamora was standing in front of the guardhouse when three men approached him and suddenly shot him.

He was taken to the East Avenue Medical Center, where he was pronounced dead.

Rio N. Araja

shootings – Brgy. tatalon
Brgy. Batasan Hills
Brgy. East Fairview

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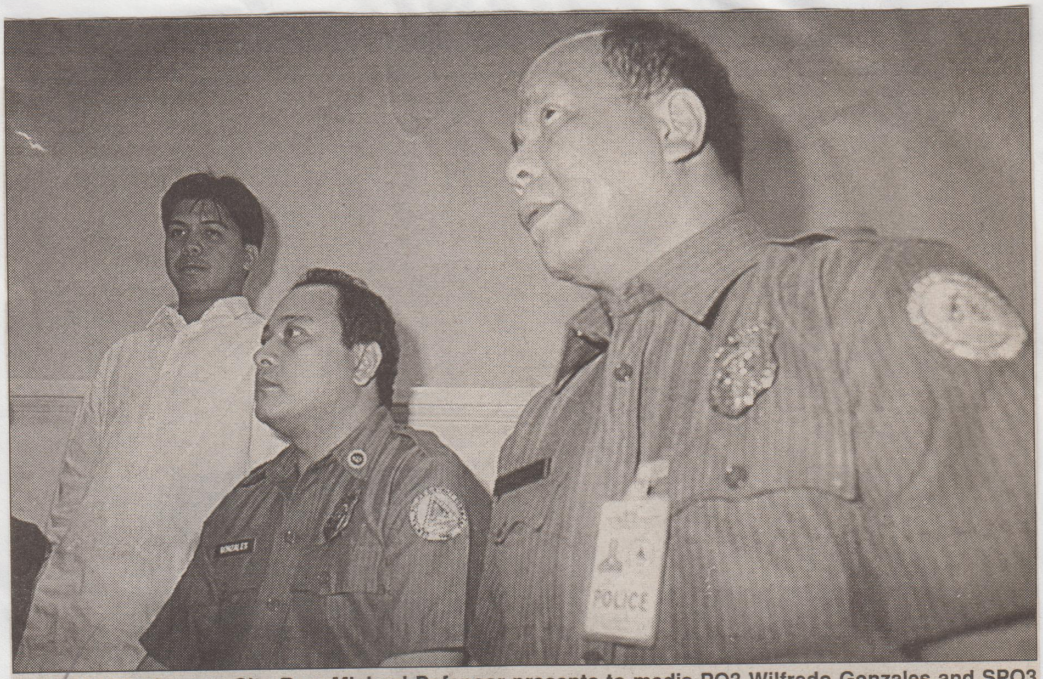

WITNESSES: Quezon City Rep. Michael Defensor presents to media PO3 Wilfredo Gonzales and SPO3 Reynato Resurreccion who agreed to turn state witnesses against 12 Quezon City cops who allegedly received bribe money from two suspected drug lords. BOY SANTOS

House to probe QC cop bribery case

By LIBERTY DONES

The House of Representatives will conduct its own investigation on the alleged bribery case involving at least 12 Quezon City policemen who allegedly arrested and released two Hong Kong nationals suspected of being drug lords.

Senior Minority leader Rep. Sergio Apostol and Quezon City Rep. Michael Defensor said yesterday they will summon officials of the Central Police District, particularly Station 9 officials to shed light on the alleged bribe case.

The two solons presented to media two of the 14 arresting police officers, namely PO3 Wilfredo Gonzales and SPO3 Reynato Ressureccion, both of Station 9, who allegedly witnessed the arrest and release of the alleged drug lords who were reportedly caught with 1.5 kilos of shabu

In a joint affidavit, Gonzales and Ressureccion said they arrested the two Hong Kong nationals, one of them was identified as Johnny Tan, last Aug. 22 but the suspects were

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released the following day "without a piece of official documentation pertaining to the events that transpired."

The buy-bust operation, headed by Superintendent Francisco Ovilla, who has been relieved from his post because of the controversy, occurred at SM City car park in Quezon City.

The operation was organized after Gonzales' group who arrested a certain Ester Lindawan on Aug. 21 for possession of two sachets of shabu.

Lindawan, who provided the operatives information about the source of the illegal substance, later posed as buyer to entrap the two Hong Kong nationals. She was to buy 1.5 kilos of shabu using marked money.

Gonzales and Resurreccion said they saw Lindawan talking with two Chinese looking persons and one of them later gave her a key to the car where the supposed 1.5 kilos of shabu was located.

Bribery case
(PO3 W. Gonzales + PO3 R. Resurreccion)

The Philippine STAR **METRO**
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1999

4 CPD cops face raps for murder

Prosecutors filed murder charges yesterday before the Quezon City Prosecutor's Office against four Central Police District (CPD) Mobile Patrol Division policemen who allegedly killed a 20-year-old student they had arrested for refusing to pay for the food he ate at a hamburger stand last February.

Charged were Police Officer 1 Pedro Borbon; Police Officer 3 Lazaro Spanol, of Mobile Patrol Unit 127; Police Officer 2 Gener Magayon and Police Officer 2 Fabian Lacson of Mobile Patrol Unit 135.

The four were tagged by Helen Pandrinilla, 44, of 2 Yoyo Jopson, Naic Cavite as the lawmen who arrested and killed her son, Lujen, in Barangay Pinyahan, Quezon City.

Padrinilla said that her son arrived in Quezon City on Feb. 10 to stay at his father's house on 85-C Mapangakit Street, Pinyahan.

According to her, her son was accused of refusing to pay for a hamburger he ate at a Burger Machine outlet on V. Luna Avenue.

Barangay officials accosted her son and allegedly mauled him before turning him over to the four policemen. Nothing was heard of Lujen since then. The boy was found dead three days later.

— Romel Bagares

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Cops scored for inaction over 'Bukas kotse' gangs

By YUL MALICSE

QUEZON CITY — Attention Police Senior Supt. Romulo "Romy" Sales. City residents and their visiting kins and guests are complaining, in ire, against your police officers and men for "inaction" and "lukewarm treatment" on complainants against proliferating "Bukas Kotse" gangs.

This could be the reason why concerned residents opted to seek the help of Philippine National Police (PNP) officer-in-charge Police Director General Edmundo Larroza, PNP-National Capital Regional (NCR) director Chief Supt. Edgar Aglipay and PNP-Criminal Investigation and Detection Group (CIDG) director chief Supt. Lucas Managuelod for "speedier action" to trackdown the criminals.

This coming Saturday when the President presides over his radio-television program "Jeep ni Erap: Ang Pasada ng Pangulo", victims of Bukas Kotse in Quezon City, including those in North Fairview, Cubao, SM-West Avenue and other victims who are members of professional and legitimate media, are out to personally see the President and present directly their complaints against QC cops.

"Bukas Kotse" gang members were earlier reported acclimatizing their "modus operandi" in SM-West Avenue, various supermarkets and groceries in churches, government offices and schools.

The victims claimed that too many "Bukas Kotese" cases have been solved in the southern district of Metro Manila, including those in Makati City, Pasay City and Parañaque, lauding Southern Police District director Chief Supt. Romeo Maganto for effective intelligence and operations networking who had tapped the civilian community leading to the speedy arrest of suspects and consequently the filing of proper charges.

In the case of the Central Police District, the victims claimed most of the police officers were busy in their "tong collection" in illegal business activities, including gambling and prostitution. "What fruitful police work do we expect from the CPDO?" they asked, stressing that many policemen assigned at the Drugs Enforcement Unit (DEU) are pushers and users of shabu."

On shabu, they urged Sales to close in on the CPDO-DEU and sack those who are drug protectors and drug users, who are still very much in the active service.

They also asked Sales to field in additional cops at Lagro and Commonwealth police stations, or sack dishonest and incompetent station commanders and other scalawag cops, possibly summarily dismiss them for being bad eggs who continue destroying the CPDO, causing disgust on the citizenry.

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Bukas kotse gang - QC

The Philippine STAR **METRO**
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Four QC policemen face raps for colleague's slay

By ROMEL BAGARES

Four Central Police District officers are now facing homicide charges for the death last year of a police officer during an operation to evict squatters who were illegally occupying a government housing project in West Fairview, Quezon City.

The four, Chief Inspector Zaldy Antonio, Senior Police Officer 1 Andres Aseri, Police Officer 2 Rolando Cana and Police Officer 1 Jose Marquez, are detailed with the Lagro Police station. They were allowed to post a bail-bond of P40,000 each by Judge Arsenio Magpali of the Quezon City Regional Trial Court Branch 125. Their superior, Superintendent Dencio Duldulao, station commander has taken them into his custody.

Court records showed the incident took place on June 8, 1998 as the policemen enforced an eviction order on occupants of a housing project of the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) on Dahlia corner Chestnut streets in West Fairview.

The victim, Chief Inspector Abdulpata Alihuddin, one of the 46 occupants of the housing project, tried to prevent the Lagro policemen from entering his house and fired warning shots.

An exchange of gunfire ensued, which left Alihuddin dead with several gunshot wounds in the body.

The Lagro policemen claimed they were forced to fire back at the chief inspector in self-defense.

It was later learned that a housing fraud syndicate allegedly led by a certain Ma. Victoria "Baby" Rodriguez sold the GSIS-project to unsuspecting occupants, who included the fallen Allihudin.

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Cops - evicting squatters
(Inspector Antonio, SPO1 Aseri
+ others)

Malaya
Monday, August 23,1999

QC cops kill robbery suspect

By D'JAY LAZARO

Quezon City police shot dead an armed robber and arrested another in a shootout midnight yesterday. But their cohorts carted away P13,000 from a Shell gasoline station on 20th ave., Cubao, Quezon City.

Six hours later, at least five men armed with M-16 rifles took a Honda Civic car (UAH-989) belonging to Mar de la Cruz, a businessman, at another Shell station at Retiro and D. Tuazon.

The fatality remained unidentified. His companion, Ronnie Gutavez, 32, of Sarmiento Compound, Novaliches, is under detention.

De la Cruz told police the armed men aboard a blue Toyota Corolla, blocked his car and forcibly took it at gunpoint.

In the Shell gasoline station, managed by Josephine Ibasco, two of the robbers disarmed the lone security guard, Antonio Calvelo, and held cashier Flor Angellas at gunpoint inside the cashier's booth.

The arrival of policemen apparently panicked the robbers as they started shooting.

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shootout - robbers

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 22, 1999

Cops nab drug lady in QC

POLICE antinarcotics agents arrested a suspected female drug trafficker and confiscated one kilo of shabu worth P2 million during an entrapment operation in Quezon City on Tuesday.

The suspect was identified as Lovina Sander alias Marilou, an alleged member of a drug syndicate operating in Metro Manila.

She was arrested by elements of the National Police 3rd Regional Narcotics Office shortly after selling the illegal substance to an undercover agent at the vicinity of 12th Avenue, Murphy, Quezon City.

Prior to the operation, a police operative who posed as a buyer contacted Sander, who agreed to deliver the drugs in Murphy.

At around 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, police nabbed Sander after she handed the shabu to the undercover agent.

Police are investigating the source of the drugs seized from the suspect.

She is detained at the Nar-Group headquarters in Camp Crame. Charges of violation of antidrugs law were filed against her before the Quezon City Prosecutor's Office.

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Drug Lady - trafficker

Malaya
Monday, August 16, 1999

7 suspects arrested in QC

Members of the Central Police District arrested over the weekend seven persons for various offenses.

One of those nabbed was a fish vendor who reportedly robbed a cabbie of his day's earnings in Quezon City yesterday before dawn. The suspect's companion managed to escape.

The vendor, Miguel Divinagracia, 24, of Cabalata st., Barangay Tatalon, QC, was arrested along Quezon Avenue, QC at around 1:30 a.m.

He was positively identified by the cabbie, Nestor Callo, as one of two persons who robbed him of P750.

Callo was driving his YVC Taxi (PXG-993) along Mayon st., in La Loma, QC, when he was flagged down by Divinagracia and his unidentified companion.

The victim was directed to proceed to Galas in QC but upon reaching Quezon Avenue, the suspects suddenly pulled out a knife and announced the heist. They divested the cabbie of his cash.

Callo immediately sought the help of barangay tanods, who responded and arrested Divinagracia.

Six persons were arrested in a buy-bust and anti-drug operations in Quezon City.

Arrested by the operatives of the Batasan Hills Police station were Hassem Abdusalem, 38; John Bantangan, 39; and Sadia Kasim, 27, a housewife, all of San Roque Uno, Pag-asa, QC.

The suspects were arrested during buy-bust operations in their compound in San Roque Uno at around 8:45 p.m.

Police recovered a plastic sachet of shabu and P500 buy-bust money.

While arrested during a shabu session at 21 Principe Tupaz st., Dona Rosario Subdivision, Barangay Novaliches Proper, Novaliches, QC at around 2:15 a.m. were Allan Villareal, 22; Donato Tolentino, 31; and Annaliza Mercado, 18. **(D'Jay Lazaro)**

Robbery + drug trafficking

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115 drug suspects fall in QC

BY ANDREA H. TRINIDAD

ABOUT 115 suspected drug users and pushers have been arrested in Quezon City in a week-long anti-drug operation, police chief CPD chief Romulo Sales said yesterday.

The arrests brought to 1,667 the number of suspects seized since January this year. About P2.6 million worth of the prohibited methamphetamine hydrochloride, or shabu, and some P980,000 worth of marijuana were confiscated.

"We want to reiterate our commitment to make Quezon City drug-free by year 2000," Sales said in a news briefing where he presented the 115 drug suspects.

"The latest apprehensions should send a signal to all those who are engaged in the illegal drug trade that we will not stop until we put them all in jail."

Sales said that since the Quezon City police intensified its campaign in January this year, 49 barangays had been declared as drug-free.

The active participation of the city's 142 Barangay Anti-Drug Abuse Council, according to Sales, had led to arrest of the suspects, he said.

Sales also gave credit to the different barangay councils for providing us with the list of pushers and users in their respective areas. "If not for their valuable contribution, we would not have been successful," he added.

He then vowed to arrest more drug dependents and pushers in the next few weeks, saying that his operatives "are now in the process of verifying information" referred to them by some concerned citizens.

Earlier, President Estrada ordered the Philippine National Police and other law enforcement agencies to lick out the drug problem before the year ends.

The President issued the directive following reports that drug problems in the country have worsened.

Sales expressed optimism that the proliferation of illegal drugs in Quezon City would be lessened, if not totally eradicated, because of the cooperation of different communities.

Drug suspects

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TODAY
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SUNDAY, AUGUST 8, 1999 3

QC man shot dead for blocking driveway

AGENTS of the Central Police District (CPD) are now tracking down an employee of the Philippine Ports Authority who shot dead a street vender and the wounded victim's wife after a traffic altercation on Friday night in Quezon City.

Senior Supt. Romulo Sales, CPD director, said manhunt operation had been launched against the suspect identified as Jessie Magalang, of Nenita Street Extention, barangay Gulod, Novaliches, and his brother Carlito.

Initial investigation disclosed that the shooting happened at about 10:30 p.m. when the victim, Erwin Sarmiento, 43, left his pushcart of food in front of the driveway of the suspects.

A heated altercation ensued when one of the suspects reportedly berated Sarmiento for inadvertently blocking the driveway.

Witnesses said the victim and his wife Emerita, 36, were about to go home when the incident occured.

The victims and the suspects were reportedly neighbors in barangay Gulod.

At the height of the arguement, one of the suspects pulled out a 9 mm pistol and shot Sarmiento.

Emerita reportedly came to his husband's aid but was was also shot in the stomach.

Sarmiento suffered a bullet wound in the left chest died on the way to the Novaliches General Hospital, while his wife was still inseriosu condition at the hospital. *J. Vicente*

man shot dead -
blocking driveway

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ROB-KILL AFTERMATH

Caloocan, QC police chiefs face probe

By Romie A. Evangelista

High-ranking police officials will summon three senior officers from Caloocan and Quezon cities to investigate them for alleged operational lapses when they failed to respond on time to prevent the robbery of three establishments and killing of seven persons last Wednesday.

Chief Supt. Rodolfo Caisip, Northern Police District director, Senior Supt. Samuel Pagdilao Jr., Caloocan City police chief, and Senior Supt. Romulo Sales, Central Police District commander, have been directed to report to the PNP directorate for operations at Camp Crame.

Sources said they will be asked to explain why they failed to follow the PNP's standard operating procedure during the rob-kill spree.

Edgar Galvante, PNP directorate for operations chief, will start the investigation next week.

Reliable sources said the three concerned officers, in anticipation of the forthcoming probe, have prepared reports which would indicate there were no operational lapses on their parts when the incidents took place.

Barely 24 hours after the carnage, nine of the suspects were arrested in their hideout in Ramos, Tarlac.

Police recovered several pieces of firearms, which the suspects allegedly used in the robberies and killings.

Residents bewailed the absence of policemen who could have prevented the deaths of innocent bystanders, including a PTV-4 cameraman, near the crime scenes.

The Office of the Ombudsman will also conduct an investigation into the alleged incompetence of the three police officials.

Rex Piad, PNP directorate for investigation and detective management chief, told Crame reporters yesterday that they have yet to formally step into the investigation against the three officers.

Around 1:15 a.m. last Wednesday, at least seven armed men shot dead five customers of the Sabungan Restaurant and Videoke Club on Samson Road, Caloocan City.

Before they fled and commandeered a passing jeepney, the suspects divested the establishment and its customers of an undetermined amount of money.

Around 20 minutes later, the group was spotted along Commonwealth Avenue in Quezon City, where they held up a Petron gas station, taking P8,000 in cash from the gas station and its personnel.

Later, the suspects proceeded to the 7-Eleven branch at the corner of Tandang Sora and Mindanao avenues, where they shot and killed Elmer Duque, a PTV-4 cameraman, and Nestor Mayagma, the store's security guard.

Investigators are set to file complex robbery in band and homicide charges against the nine suspects, who were identified as Fire Officer Felipe de la Cruz, Audie Decena, Diosdado Paracas, Eduardo Rosales, Bernardo Ranara, Joemari de los Reyes, and Dominador and Diosdado Recepcion.

Police are now on the lookout for the 10th suspect, Peter Glecario, the alleged mastermind.

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Saturday, July 31, 1999 8

TO GO AFTER ROBBERS

More policemen deployed in QC

By Bong Padua

ROBBERY incidents in Quezon City had gotten so bad that the National Capital Region Command had to deploy 90 additional policemen to go after robbers.

The newly-assigned policemen will help in the fight against criminality, particularly against robbers, who, statistics show, had been staging heists every other day.

CPD director Senior Supt. Romulo Sales expressed optimism that robbery incidents would be curbed with the deployment of more policemen on city streets, particularly near business establishments which had been hit by criminal elements in the past.

"We hope that with the detailing of these policemen to the CPD, we will be able to address the increasing problem of robbery in the city," Sales said.

Newly designated NCRC director Chief Supt. Edgar Aglipay had earlier pledged to assign more policemen to the CPD to strengthen its drive against criminality in a courtesy call to Mathay

CPD officials and station commanders welcomed the deployment of additional policemen.

"Malaking tulong ang pag-assign ng 90 pulis na yan ni Gen. Aglipay. Makakatulong sila sa anti-criminality campaign namin, lalo na sa mga holdap," the officials said.

The new policemen will received the same benefits being enjoyed by the 2,344 CPD members.

Despite increased police visibility, robbers had struck almost everyday, victimizing Mercury drug outlets and convenience stores. The latest incident was the robbery on a 7 -Eleven outlet along Mindanao Avenue last Wednesday, where a cameraman of PTV 4, Elmer Duque, and the store's security guard were killed.

Sales said the group could have been the same gang which staged a series of heists in the past few months because two of the firearms seized from the suspects were found to have been taken from security guards of establishments which have been robbed.

Policemen, additional
(Robbers)

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Malaya
NEWS
Wednesday, July 28, 1999

4 CPD members arraigned today

By D'JAY LAZARO

A Quezon City Court yesterday asked the Central Police District to produce in court today the four policemen who were charged with robbery by bodyguards of Interior Secretary Ronaldo Puno.

Judge Noel Tijam, of the QC regional trial court Branch 221, ordered CPD criminal investigation unit chief Supt. Napoleon Castro to bring to his sala SPO1 Allan dela Cruz, PO2 Rey Briana, PO1s Joseph Diño and Isais Merced for arraignment.

The court has allowed them to post a P40,000 bail bond each for their provisional liberty.

A fifth accused, SPO2 Cresencio Bajao, has earlier posted bail.

The first four suspects have filed a motion asking the court to allow Supt. Castro to take them under his custody during the trial of the case, saying they did not have the funds for posting bail and the incident arose from the performance of their duty.

Tijam has yet to rule on this motion.

The case stemmed from an altercation between the CPD policemen and PO2s Florante Payo, Jaime Cariaso, Arturo Fillon and Rolando Closa, all bodyguards of Puno, in front of the Bangbang-ali night spot along EDSA in Cubao, QC on Dec. 17, 1998.

The CPD operatives eventually arrested the four bodyguards, who, in turn, accused the arresting officers of allegedly taking their wallets containing a total P10,000 in cash and $50.

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Cops - robbers
SPO1 allan dela Cruz
PO2 Rey Briana
PO1 Joseph Diño
Isais Merced

JOURNAL
MONDAY, JULY 19, 1999

Big-time QC drug dealer nabbed

By Bong Padua

A SUSPECTED big time drug dealer tagged as the leader of a syndicate supplying drugs to Quezon City bar girls was finally arrested by operatives of the Central Police District's Criminal Investigation Unit .

Twenty more persons whom the police claimed were involved in the illicit drug trade were also caught in a series of anti-drug operations conducted by three operating units and policemen from the eleven police stations over the weekend.

The police team led by Senior Inspector Rodolfo Jaraza collared Arman Caparas, 28, when they swooped down on a house at No. 79 Scout Tuazon St., Timog, at around 5 a.m. Saturday, CPD director Senior Supt. Romulo Sales said.

Suspects Dante Jarlego, 39; Demothenes Viray, 39; and Demis Capulong, 30; were caught by the raiding team sniffing shabu inside the house.

Sales told reporters Caparas is a notorious drug trafficker and allegedly the main source and supplier of shabu to night club employes and Guest Relation Officers.

The lawmen, however, seized only several grams of shabu from Caparas.

The 17 other suspects were apprehended in simultaneous drug operations in Barangays Magsaysay, Santol, Sta. Monica and San Bartolome in Novaliches, Diliman, Immaculate Concepcion and Pasong Putik.

Probers identified them as Ariel Antolin, 27; Rico Sarmienta, 47; Joey Cabed, 29; Raymundo Ancajas, 28; Eric Punzalan, 22; Reynaldo Castaneda, 27; Angelito Montano, 24; Cesar Ramos, 30; Bernard Talam, 17; Renato Francisco, 39; Saleh Tabo-tabo, 29; Mackliz Tocalo, 19; Reynaldo Tomaca, 36; Celso Diquino, 34; Agosto Rosal, 32; Robert Ventura, 32; and Rafael Arevalo, 21.

Drug charges have been filed against the suspects.

Sales said some of those arrested were among the 92 drug traffickers marked by CPD anti-narcotics agents to be put behind bars within the one week period set by drug czar Jewel Canson.

Commanders who failed to arrest the target drug pushers in their jurisdiction are considered "sleeping" on their jobs and will be relieved from their posts.

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Drug pushers

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'Salvage' fails

BY ANDREA H. TRINIDAD

POLICE are looking for two security guards hired by the Iglesia Ni Cristo who peppered with bullets two construction workers in Barangay Silanganan in Quezon City last Tuesday and left them for dead.

One of the two victims survived and named the alleged assailants as Manny Manalastas, officer-in-charge of the Action Force Security Agency and Allied Services, and a certain Benjie Morales.

The survivor, 22-year-old Arnel Palmera, a native of Davao Oriental, sustained a gunshot wound in the back. As of last night, he was still in a hospital in Quezon City.

He and the body of his companion identified as Gary Monzo, 25, a native of Sta. Fe, Romblon, were located by residents in a grassy area in Bagong Silanganan, Quezon City Tuesday night.

Palmera and Monzo were said to be Iglesia's stay-in workers in Montalban, Rizal, where it is building a church.

Senior Supt. Romulo Sales, director of the Central Police District, ordered the manhunt based on Palmera's allegations.

Based on initial investigation, Chief Insp. Rolando Sigaya, chief of the investigation branch of CPD Station 6, the alleged "salvaging" occurred around 11 p.m. on Tuesday inside Park 7, Sitio Rolling Hills, Barangay Bagong Silanganan.



SALVAGE survivor Arnel Palmera talks to reporters. JOAN BOND

Palmera alleged that he and Monzo went out of their quarters late Tuesday afternoon. They returned a few hours later, but the guards refused to allow them to get in.

They were allegedly told of the project's standing policy imposing a 7 p.m. curfew. Instead, the guards offered to take them to a nearby terminal using a company tricycle, he said.

While they were negotiating a steep hill, the motor of the tricycle reportedly bogged down, prompting them to get off.

It was at this point that the two security guards drizzled them with bullets. Thinking they were both dead, the two suspects took the victims and dumped in Bagong Silanganan.

Salvage - Iglesia ni kristo victim
(Bagong silangan, QC)

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PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER
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CPD top brass live like kings on bribes

BY GERALD LACUARTA

SO THAT police won't touch them, nightclub owners in Quezon City give at least P200,000 a month to ranking policemen of the Central Police District.

A group of nightclub owners made this allegation yesterday, adding that certain policemen also get kingly freebies such as food and drinks, and even women, from the nightspots.

Perry Mariano, spokesperson of the 36-member Association of Club, Karaoke and Disco Owners in Quezon City (Ackdo), said the CPD

Club owners bare P200,000 monthly pay-off

used to receive from them anywhere between P60,000 and P100,000 monthly in protection money.

This amount was later raised to P200,000 when Senior Supt. Romulo Sales became acting district director last November, Mariano added.

"CPD officers treat us as cows and not businessmen," said Mariano who owns the Kampo bar and Thunderdome nightclub which was padlocked by the CPD operatives last Friday.

Mariano said Ackdo members were willing to testify before the city council to prove this allegation.

Aside from money and freebies, he said policemen also receive gifts and contributions from club owners on various occasions such as policemen's birthdays and wedding anniversaries, and during legal holidays.

Mariano said some policemen regularly visit clubs almost daily and get free accommodations inside expensive VIP rooms where they are

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Cops - Bribery from club owners (Central Police District)

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3 QC cops up for promotion

CENTRAL Police District Director Senior Supt. Romulo Sales yesterday recommended the spot promotion of three policemen who killed Quezon City's most wanted criminal.

Sales lauded SPO3 Benjamin Fonacier Jr., and Senior Police Officers 1 Manuel Malong and Ronnie Rodaje for having killed Rafael Nazareta, a jail escapee who was facing 16 cases ranging from robbery to rape.

The three policemen, all members of the CPD station 9, killed Nazareta in a running gunbattle on Monday.

"It is just proper that we have to recommend Fonacier, Malong and Rodale to be promoted on the spot because they put their lives at stake when they shot it out with the dangerous Nazareta," Sales said.

The three policemen chanced upon Nazareta inside a taxi parked along Pajo St., Proj. 4. Nazareta opened fire at the approaching policemen, forcing them to retaliate. The fugitive tried to escape but was pursued by the lawmen.

Nazareta was finally cornered at the junction of Xavierville Ave. and Bacobo St., where he was shot dead.

Several wallets believed stolen were found inside the taxi, which was also stolen.

Nazareta escaped from the custody of Jail Officer Jesus Vargas on May 12. He was able to rob three persons of cash and belongings and raped a student before he was shot dead by the policemen. **(Bong Padua)**

Cops for promotion (killed wanted criminal)

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PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER
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QC cops kill cabbie-rapist

BY ANDREA H. TRINIDAD

A JAIL escapee believed to be the cabbie behind the rape of two lady taxi passengers recently was shot dead in an encounter with Central Police District operatives on Wednesday night.

Rafael Nazareta, 39, dubbed as Quezon City's most wanted criminal, succumbed to multiple gunshot wounds.

Nazareta's death came only a few days after CPD Director Senior Supt. Romulo Sales ordered an all-out manhunt against the escapee following reports that he was responsible for a series of theft and molestation incidents in the past two weeks.

Sales said the shootout occurred at around 9 p.m. near the corner of Chico and Pajo streets in Barangay Quirino, QC.

In a report to Sales, Supt. Francisco Ovilla, CPD Station 9 chief, said three of his operatives were conducting a routine patrol in the area when they chanced upon a taxicab parked along the road with its front hood open.

Thinking that the taxi driver needed assistance, the three, SP03 Benjamin Fonacier, SPO1 Manuel Malong and SPO1 Ronnie Rodaje, approached the taxi to offer help.

But the driver, later identified as Nazareta, instead drew a hand gun and fired, prompting the lawmen to shoot back.

During the exchange, the suspect was able to run toward Xavierville Avenue but he got cornered at Bocobo Street where he was shot

Nazareta had escaped from his lone escort after attending a court hearing in Manila on May 12. He was able to disarm his escort and drove away on a van owned by the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology, which was later found abandoned in Quezon City.

Nazareta was arrested in 1998 after he was tagged as suspect in at least 16 incidents of robbery, car theft and acts of lasciviousness.

Intelligence reports on Nazareta's modus operandi revealed that the suspect would first steal a taxi, usually white in color, then use it in his criminal activities disguised as a legit taxi driver.

He would then divest passengers of their valuables and molest his women victims.

Police recovered from the crime scene a white-colored taxi bearing Plate No. PXV-749 believed to be stolen, one .99 cal. Daewoo pistol, one piece 9mm magazine with live ammunitions, one sachet of suspected shabu, several spent shells, assorted jewelry and several wallets believed to be owned by his victims.

Last Sunday, an 18-year-old coed in Quezon City became the second taxi passenger to fall victim to a sex maniac disguised as a cabbie in two weeks. The first victim was a guest relations officer (GRO). She was raped by the driver of a taxi she boarded after work in front of a Quezon City disco. In both rape incidents, the description of the rapist matched those of

MANILA BULLETIN, Wed., May 26, 1999

2 QC cops are suspended

National Capital Region Police Office (NCRPO) officer-in-charge Chief Supt. Efren Fernandez yesterday ordered the "preventive suspension" of former Central Police District (CPD) Baler Police Station chief Supt. Efren Santos and Senior Police Officer 2 Jose Fernandez for alleged involvement in a carnaping incident.

Santos and Fernandez were suspended for 90 days while their case is being investigated.

It was learned that the two policemen were caught by operatives of the Traffic Management Group (TMG) while on board a stolen vehicle last May 13 along Mindanao Avenue in Quezon City.

Aside from the incident last May 13, Philippine Consular of Spain Jose Luis Molina also filed carnapping charges against Santos for using his Toyota 4X4 FR5 (4-Runner) last Jan. 11 also in Quezon City. (James I. Catapusan)

If found guilty of the offense, the NCRPO-Regional Inspectorate and Internal Affairs Office (RIIAO) will be recommending summary dismissal proceedings against the two police officers.

cops suspended carnapping CPD Santos + Fernandez

30 MANILA BULLETIN, Fri., May 21, 1999

QC traffic cops ban tricyles, pedicabs on major roads, hi-ways

By PETER G. FLORES

Central Police District - Traffic Management Unit director Superintendent Agustin "Boy" Cabales said that CPD-TMU policemen were deployed to apprehend erring tricycle and pedicab drivers and to ban them from plying along Epifanio de los Santos Avenue (EDSA) and other major roads in Quezon City.

Cabales said the strict implementation of the ban will ease traffic conditions in the city since these tricycles and pedicabs contribute a lot to congestion in city streets and major roads.

Tricycles and pedicabs won't be allowed to ply on C-5 Road, Commonwealth Ave., Elliptical Road (Quezon Memorial Circle), P. Tuazon and Aurora Blvd., in Cubao, Congressional Ave., Mindanao and Visayas Avenues and Quirino Avenue.

Cabales said the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) and the Quezon City Council had passed ordinances banning tricycles and pedicabs on main roads but these were not properly implemented.

Ban - tricycles, pedicabs on high ways

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Spanish envoy to sue QC cop for stealing car

A Spanish embassy official yesterday vowed to sue Supt. Efren Santos, sacked station chief of the Central Police District, for stealing an embassy car.

One of the stolen vehicles recovered by CPD Station 2 under Santos' command happened to belong to Spanish Chancellor Jose Luis del Parco Molina, who reclaimed it yesterday. **(Photo on page 4)**

According to Molina, the four-wheel-drive vehicle, an imported SR5 Toyota 4Runner, was stolen while parked unattended on Kalayaan Road near P. Tuazon Street in Makati City.

His driver, Molina said, twice saw the vehicle being used by unidentified men somewhere in Metro Manila.

Last May 13, Santos and SPO2 Jose Fernandez was arrested for using a stolen Tamaraw FX with plate number WBT-913 on Mindanao Avenue in Diliman, Quezon City. *Turn to page 2*

Spanish envoy..

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According to the CPD and the Traffic Management Group, Santos showed registration papers that actually were for a Toyota Jitney, not a Tamaraw FX.

Santos then turned over to TMG, as required under police procedures, two more stolen Tamaraw FXs recovered by Station 2. TMG asked Santos to account for 14 other stolen vehicles supposedly recovered by his men.

Santos denied being involved in the alleged car theft ring, accusing the CPD of staging a trial by publicity. He dared his superiors to file charges against him.

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Cop - stealing car

Fugitive tagged anew in rape-rob incident

THE Quezon City Jail inmate who escaped from his guard two weeks ago on a trip from the court house, is again being tagged in the rape and robbery case filed by another taxi passenger.

Investigators of the Central Police District-Station 11 in Galas said yesterday they were certain that the taxi driver who robbed and raped another woman yesterday was fugitive Rafael Nazareta.

CPD probers said the description of the man given by the victim fitted Nazareta.

"The modus operandi is the same. We are sure that is really Nazareta who did it," said Quezon City Warden James Labordo said.

Navareta escaped last April 12, as he was being driven back to the QCJ after attending a court hearing.

Just two days after his escape, Nazareta, again according to CPD probers, raped and robbed a guest relations officer (GRO) of a Quezon City disco who boarded a taxi that he, too, allegedly carnapped.

Nazareta reportedly carnapped the "God Provide" taxi cab (PWA-598) just hours before he raped the GRO.

Last week, Nazareta held up another family who boarded the same cab at SM Megamall, according to CPD probers.

The latest victim told probers that she flagged down a white taxi at the Camp Panopio Hospital in Cubao at 12:15 a.m. yesterday and asked to be driven to Galas.

The driver brought her to Gilmore Street in New Manila, took her jewelry worth P9,000 and raped her at gunpoint.

Probers believed Nazareta did it even if the victim reported a different taxi plate.

—**Michael Sadim**

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CPDO reshuffle affects 8 key posts

By Bong Padua

EIGHT officials of the Central Police District occupying key positions were reshuffled yesterday in the first wave of revamp ordered by CPD director Senior Supt. Romulo Sales.

Among those reassigned were:

• Chief Insp. Anthony Rodolfo, who was named commander of Mobile Patrol Unit. His former post at the District Police Intelligence Unit was given to Supt. Cipriano Querol, Jr.

• Former MPU chief Supt. Denico Duldulao, who was appointed commander of Station 5 (Lagro).

He replaced Supt. Bevin Fabillar who was assigned to the District Support Service Unit.

• Supt. Frank Orvilla, who was designated commander of Station 9 (Kamias).

He replaced Supt. Ireneo Dordas who was moved to the office of DILG-REACT head Chief Supt. George Aliño.

• Supt. Johnny Adan who was plucked from the District Director Office to replace Supt. Dave Benavidez as head of the District Community Relations Office.

. Sales designated Supt. George Regis commander of Station 4 (Novaliches).

Sales said another revamp will be effected soon.

Meanwhile, men under La Loma police commander Supt. Raul Medina arrested a former cop, reported to be one of seven men who help up the popular Mila's Lechon last week.

Former Quezon City police sergeant Antonio Banzil, 32, was apprehended yesterday in his residence at 896 San Anianas St., Tondo, Manila.

Banzil was positively identified by two waitresses of Mila's Lechon, as one of the suspects who ordered drinks and food around 9 p.m., February 9 only to later cart away the day's sales amounting to P150,000 plus a lechon on board two getaway cars.

Medina also reported the arrest of a woman he tagged as the "shabu queen" of La Loma, Quezon City.

Linda Villar, alias "Peking", 28, was nabbed during a drug bust conducted at 10 Isarog St., La Loma, police said.

CPDO reshuffle
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CPD closes in on drug gang

BY BONG PADUA

MEMBERS of a drug gang behind the botched transport of some 100 kilos of dried marijuana leaves -- intercepted by a Quezon City mobile patrol unit -- have been identified by police investigators of the Central Police District.

CPD operatives have fanned out to undisclosed places to arrest the leader and his gangmates. Probers withheld their identities so as not to jeopardize an on-going police operations, a police official said.

"We have identified all the group members, including their head. Our men are now in target areas and we're waiting for the result of their operation," CPD director Senior Supt. Romulo Sales told a press briefing.

Mayor Ismael Mathay, Jr. and Sales presented during a press conference yesterday in Camp Karingal, the 100 kilos of marijuana and a man caught by police in possession of the prohibited bricks.

The suspect, Jose Nabehet, 36, and resident of 157 Brookspoint, Aurora Hills, Baguio City, was apprehended by Insp. Edizer Arban, SPO2 Jacobo Miranda and PO3 Rogelio Pahati, of the Mobile Patrol, Sales said.

The three policemen were on patrol along Bonifacio Ave. around 4:50 a.m. Saturday when they spotted Nabehet's taxi bearing white number plates, instead of the yellow mandated by the law.

When the cops motioned for Nabehet to stop, he stepped on the gas and sped away. The lawmen gave chase and cornered him in Balintawak. The trio said they found the marijuana leaves, hidden in the compartment of Nabehet's taxi.

When interrogated, Nabehet identified his two cohorts (police withheld their names), both natives of Ifugao, as the real owners of the prohibited stuff.

Mathay commended the three policemen for the arrest of Nabehet and the seizure of marijuana, the CPD's biggest haul in six years.

He directed Sales and his men to exert extra effort for the arrest of the owners and the remaining members of the syndicate who are still at large, including the leader.

marijuana leaves – drugs gang

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1999

3 QC cops rapped for extortion

ROBBERY charges were filed yesterday before a Quezon City court against three QC policemen who allegedly extorted money from three vendors last week.

Charged were PO3 Nelson Dangaran, 36, PO3 Ruperto Usman, 39, and PO2 Iluminado Badiongan, 33, all assigned at Central Police District Station 11 in Galas, QC.

The case stemmed from the complaints of Salam Pao, 18, Rohaina Datumnang-Pao, 45, and Merpha Cosain, 23, all of 54 Cotabato St., Bgy. Tatalon, and vendors at the Tamasco Market who claimed the suspects demanded money in exchange for the quashing of drug charges set to be filed against the victims.

The suspects were arrested by operatives of the CPD Criminal Investigation Division in an entrapment on the night of Jan. 26 in front of the NFA Building on E. Rodriguez Ave.

The entrapment was set after Pao reported that the suspects were to collect P8,000 from her.

Pao claimed the suspects came to her stall in Tamasco market to arrest her on charges she was peddling shabu.

Since the accused failed to recover any prohibited drugs in her stall, Dangaran told Pao to just give him P10,000 in exchange for the dropping of the charges against her.

The following day, the accused allegedly returned to the stall, but, failing to find Pao, harassed her mother instead.

The CID operatives went to the Galas Police station where they suspect cops.

Bail of P100,000 was recommended for each of the accused.

-- Cory Martinez

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PO3 N. Dangaran
PO2 I. Badiongan

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3 CPD officers in drug campaign face relief

THREE Central Police District commanders may lose their posts for "below par" performance in the ongoing drug campaign ordered by Quezon City Mayor Ismael Mathay Jr. and CPD dierctor Sr. Supt. Romulo Sales.

Sales told the *Journal* police stations 2, 5 and 7 under Supts. Efren Santos, Bevin Fabillar and Ireneo Dordas, respectively, registered a very low number of arrests, during the month-old drive.

The Philippine National Police leadership has stipulated that police chiefs who fail to perform satisfactorily in the drug campaign will be removed.

According to the CPD head, he already submitted his report to Director Reynaldo Wycoco and Mathay the result of their accomplishment "for them to decide whether they would replace the three CPD commanders."

He refused to disclose the possible replacements of the three CPD chiefs, but he hinted that almost all 20 CPD police superintendents are aspirants. He said he would create a board that would evaluate the candidates for the three posts.

Sales reported that more than 300 drug pushers and users have been arrested since the launching of the drive.

Meanwhile, Sales and other top CPD officials will give awards to police officers who recorded the most arrests.

Special awards will also be handed by Sales to officers and men of the District Police Intelligence Unit led by Chief Anthony Rodolfo and the District Support Service Unit headed by Supt. Romeo Garcia.

The group of Rodolfo and Garcia busted last week a big-time dollar counterfeit syndicate, arresting 11 members in an entrapment in Tandang Sora, QC.

Bong Padua

Drug campaign

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COPS ON THE SPOT -- Three policemen from Station 11 of the Central Police District (left photo) try to hide their faces from newsmen shortly after they were charged for extortion. The suspects -- SPO1 Ruperto Osman, PO3 Nelson Danganan and PO2 Iluminado Badtongan -- were caught in the act of extorting money right inside the Galas police station. SPO1 Rosales Fernandez (sitting, right photo) is shown being interrogated by Supt. Federico Laciste of the Western Police District. Fernandez was also arrested in an entrapment operation inside the Don Bosco community precinct after he asked P5,000 from a suspected drug user. (Photos: *Tom Guevarra* and *Bobot Manzano*)

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NEWS BRIEFS

Extortionists in uniform

THE Central Police District (CPD) ordered yesterday the dismissal from service of three Quezon City policemen for extorting money from a wealthy businesswoman.

Senior Supt. Romulo Sales, CPD director, recommended the summary dismissal of Senior Police Officer 1 Ruperto Usman, 39, of 870 Pilapil Street, Tondo, Manila; PO3 Nelson Danganan, 36, of West Rembo, Fort Bonifacio, Makati City; and PO2 Iluminado Badiongan, all from the CPD Station 11 in Galas.

The three were ordered dismissed after they asked money from Salam Pao Datumnang, of Tatalon, Quezon City, who was arrested on trumped-up charges of illegal drug possession.

Sales said the suspects were arrested Monday night in an entrapment inside the Station 11 headquarters.

Datumnang told police that the suspects forcibly took her in front of the Quezon Institute on E. Rodriguez Avenue, and rode around Quezon City on a Tamaraw FX van. They told her that she was a drug trafficker, even though no material evidence was confiscated from her.

The suspects said she will be detained and could be held liable in court if she fails to shell out P10,000.

The victim gave the suspects P6,000 and promised to give the remaining P4,000 later in the night.

Supt. Danilo Florentino, chief of the CPD-Criminal Investigation Division, immediately set up an entrapment when the victim sought police assistance.

J. Vicente

Unique housing program

The "cleanest and greanest" city, Las Piñas, has signed a memorandum of agreement with the International aid group Habitat for Humanity International, a private organization founded by former US President Jimmy Carter.

Its primary aim is to implement a pioneering self-housing project for squatters.

Mayor Vergel "Nene" Aguilar said the project will benefit 121 urban-poor families who will have decent housing at a private subdivision with the help of Habitat International, the National Housing Authority (NHA) and the city government.

The project has a unique approach that will help those urban-poor beneficiaries without the financial means to contribute to the so-called "sweat equity"—investing 400 hours of labor into the construction of their own houses at the project site at the Golden Acres Subdivision in barangay Talon 5. The acquisition of the 7,821-square-meter land as "originator" under the government's Community Mortgage Program (CMP) will be facilitated by NHA. *J. San Juan*

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MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 1999

QC cops bust currency counterfeit syndicate

By Bong Padua

INTELLIGENCE operatives of the Central Police District busted a currency counterfeit syndicate following the arrest of 11 of its members and the seizure of thousands of fake coins over the weekend.

The suspects, identified as Dolores Nicolas, 41; Carlos de los Reyes, 43; Jimmy Jimenez, 27; Avelino Pangilinan, 46; Fernando Dimarucot, 34; Orlando Calderon, 37; Alexander Kasusale, 59; Victor Gallego, 66; Catalino Galula, 61; Bernadin Castro, 34; and Zacarias Maranan, 47, were caught in an entrapment operation after victimizing a businesswoman in Quezon City.

Senior Superintendent Romulo Sales said CPD agents, led by Chief Inspector Anthony Rodolfo, chief of the District Police Intelligence Unit, and Supt. Romeo Garcia of the District Support Service Unit arrested the suspects inside the victim's residence.

The suspects were apprehended when they returned to the residence of Norma Flores, 67, at 17 Mercury St., Tandang Sora, Quezon City last Saturday to collect payment for the fake dollar and Chinese coins they sold her for P320,000.

In her complaint, Flores, mother of character actor Roy Flores said the group sweet-talked her to buy thousands of pieces of coins, priced at P80 a dollar, and which they said were 18th century coins.

Since she was short on cash, Flores told the group to come back for the remaining balance of P120,000. However, she got suspicious, so she asked her daughter to have the coins checked. She later learned that the coins were all fake.

CPD agents, disguised as workers in Flores' laundry shop arrested the suspects shortly after Nicolas, tagged to be the leader of the group, received the P120,000 from Flores.

When brought to the DPIU office in Camp Karingal, five of the suspects — Galula, Castro, Maranan, Gallego and Kasusale — pleaded for Flores' forgiveness and offered to testify against Nicolas and the other suspects.

The five said they were not aware that the coins were counterfeit.

"We only wanted to earn some commission, but we were also deceived by Nicolas and her group," the five suspects said.

SPO2 Pio Tarala, officer-on-case said the filing of charges against the five had been deferred on Flores' request, while estafa and swindling charges have been lodged before the Quezon City Prosecutors Office against Nicolas and her five companions.

Sales said it is possible that the syndicate may have other victims and he called on them to come out for the identification of the suspects.

He also directed Rodolfo and Garcia to conduct follow-up operations after learning that the group stashed their counterfeit loot in Pampanga.

Sales also ordered the arresting police to coordinate with the US and Chinese embassy since they may also want to file separate charges against the group.

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Cop gets death for gunning down kite flier in QC

By Gerald G. Lacuarta

HE shot down like a bird an 11-year-old boy flying a kite on a rooftop. Now PO3 Ferdinand Fallorina, 36, will wait in line on death row.

Quezon City Judge Diosdado Peralta yesterday meted out the death penalty on Fallorina for the killing of Vincent Joro-Joro, a grade three pupil at Toro Hills Elementary School, bringing to 19 the number of police and military men facing the death penalty.

"There is no way I cannot impose the death penalty," Judge Peralta later told reporters and members of the Volunteers Against Crime and Corruption. The victim was a minor, and Fallorina used his position and his official firearm in committing the crime, he said.

Joro-Joro was killed while flying a kite on the rooftop of his own home on Sept. 26 last year in Sitio Militar, Bahay Toro, Quezon City.

President Estrada said he would see to it that Fallorina would get what's due him.

"I can assure you all these people who committed these heinous crimes will pay dearly for their acts because they are a menace in our society. It is my duty as President to see to it that all our citizenry will be protected," Mr. Estrada told reporters at Clark Special Economic Zone in Pampanga.

"We have to kill weeds so they do not spread. The same goes for criminals."

Shouts and applause filled the packed courtroom as the death verdict was announced. Joro-Joro's mother Felicisima, 34, was crying all the while the clerk of court read

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DEATH for Ferdinand Fallorina (foreground), the cop who killed an 11-year-old kite flier. Behind him are Dante Jimenez of the Volunteers Against Crime and Corruption and the parents of his victim, Vicente and Felicisima Joro-Joro with their youngest daughter.

Cop - Gunning down kite flier



MIKE ALQUINO

BEREAVED Joro-Joro family minus their only son.

Cop gets death . . . (From page 1)

Peralta's 22-page decision, which lasted for 45 minutes. His father Vicente, 49, tried to hold back tears in vain.

"This should serve as a warning to policemen not to use their guns against citizens they have sworn to protect," said VACC chair Dante Jimenez.

Fallorina was dumbfounded, even when he was whisked out by jail guards. "I have no reason to shoot him, I cannot kill a child," he said in Filipino.

The trial had been a battle of testimonies from young neighbors in Sitio Militar who gave different accounts of the killing.

Prosecution lawyers presented two boys, aged 14 and 15, as witnesses during the three-month trial. The witnesses positively identified Fallorina as the one who shot Joro-Joro.

In the last hearing on Dec. 16, Fallorina demonstrated before the court how his gun fell when his motorcycle skidded, and how it went off and hit Joro-Joro on the head.

"I didn't want this to happen," Fallorina said in Filipino.

Fallorina's counsel Norberto Perez had expected the downgrading of the crime from murder to homicide since they argued that the shooting simply accidental.

Conflicting testimonies

The defense presented three witnesses who all claimed Fallorina was not in the crime scene. One even said it was an unidentified security guard who shot Joro-Joro.

Judge Peralta pooh-poohed all these. Citing expert testimony of a police ballistician, he said Fallorina's .45-cal. pistol "would not have possibly fired if it fell on the ground unless it hit a very hard object."

Peralta recalled a "providential" incident during the trial when the defense lawyer accidentally dropped the gun in a cocked position and the safety lock put in place. The gun did not fire.

He also noted that Fallorina surrendered to the police three days after the accident in an obvious attempt to evade a paraffin test. As expected, Fallorina tested negative for gunpowder.

"For the accused, therefore, to claim that Vincent was accidentally shot is odious, if not, an insult to human intelligence," Peralta ruled.

"(The shooting) was a deliberate and intentional act, contrary to accused's claim that it happened outside the sway of his will," he added.

Peralta also considered as an aggravating circumstance the fact that Fallorina used a gun issued by the government which should have been used in protecting, rather than harming, citizens.

"This tragedy has blasted the hope and dream of a father and mother, the entire family of a bright and supportive future," he said.

He also ordered Fallorina to indemnify the victim's family with a total amount of P175,000.

Working son

Joro-Joro's parents said their son, the third in a brood of four, "idolized" Mr. Estrada and wanted to become a president someday.

Vincent was "kind and generous," according to his two elder siblings—Florida, 15 and Victorina, 14. "He gives my mother money whenever he earns a little," Victorina said.

Father Vicente said his son helped the family while studying by hawking vegetables in the neighborhood. "Vincent was a big help, and he's gone," he said.

Prosecution lawyer Pete Principe hailed the court for the decision, which took only seven hearings in three months. "It was a fast, fair and good decision," he said.

"There was treachery in the manner Joro-Joro was killed," he said. "The boy was defenseless and he had no inkling that he would be shot."

Perez assured Fallorina that the case will be automatically elevated to the Supreme Court for a review of Peralta's decision.

But were there loopholes in the judge's decision? Said Peralta: "That's his view."

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142 QC captains to be tested for drugs

By CHRISTINA MENDEZ

The Central Police District (CPD) is eyeing 142 barangay chairmen in Quezon City for drug testing as part of the police renewed campaign against illegal drugs in the city, it was learned yesterday.

CPD acting director Senior Superintendent Romulo Sales said this was meant to ensure the public that the barangay heads are free from drugs, considering they were enjoined by the police to enforce the local government's anti-drugs campaign.

"We are totally committed towards a drug-free community. Starting from the police ranks and the barangay level would be a signal for an effective campaign," Sales said.

Sales has directed the city's 11 station commanders and concerned units to submit by today the lists of suspected drug users, pushers and traffickers in their respective areas of jurisdiction.

Operatives from the CPD's Drug Enforcement Unit and Criminal Investigation Unit were asked to undergo tests last Friday, signaling the start of the CPD's renewed anti-drug campaign. At least four personnel tested positive for drug use, three of whom ironically come from the drug enforcement group.

CPD officials noted that the barangay heads and the two police units were the primary divisions tasked by the city government to start the battle against illegal drugs.

"If they were hooked on drugs, how can they effectively implement the anti-drug campaign?" Sales asked.

At least 19 suspected drug-affected areas were monitored in Quezon City's 142 barangays, sources said.

Initial reports reaching **The STAR** revealed that drugs, particularly shabu, were rampant in the Salem Mosque compound in Tandang Sora, Barangay Culiat; Tatalon and Araneta Avenue in Galas; Barangay San Isidro, Sta. Teresita, Sto. Domingo and nearby barangays in La Loma; Anonas, Pajo, Botocan and the Quirino district.

Other drug affected areas were identified as Paltok and Baler in San Francisco del Monte; Project 4; Project 6; Barangay Holy Spirit and Commonwealth in Batasan Hills in Fairview and some barangays in Novaliches, sources said.

In 1998, a total of 978 operations were conducted by the CPD during its anti-drug campaign, resulting to the arrest of 899 suspected drug pushers. Ironically, only 1.8 kilos of shabu were seized during the operations.

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QC captains - tested for drugs

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Renewed drive vs drugs gains ground

CPD cops not spared as rank-and-file undergo testing

By Alfred Dalizon, Alvin Murcia and Bong Padua

RENEWED police campaign against illegal trafficking of drugs have resulted in a series of operations leading to the arrest of 6 suspected drug pushers, officials said yesterday.

Narcotics Group director, Senior Supt. Reynor Gonzales said his agents have arrested four drug dealers and seized over P1.6 million worth of shabu in three separate operations in Metro Manila Monday and Tuesday.

Gonzales identified the suspects as Esmael Abdullar, alias Mael, and his wife, Baikon, Theresa Corpuz and Marcy Santos.

Gonzales said the Abdullah couple were arrested by his men in a buy-bust along Tandang Sora Ave. in Bgy. Banlat, QC Monday. Seized from the suspects' were a plastic sachet containing 30 grams of shabu worth P50,000.

Gonzales said the couple, both residents of 232 Tandang Sora Ave., were long suspected to be bigtime drug pushers in Quezon City.

The case against Corpuz and Santos carries a maximum penalty of death under the new law, which imposes capital punishment on any person found in possession of above 200 grams of shabu.

Gonzales said agents of the Nar-Group's Special Operations Division, under Supt. Arturo Castillo, also raided a suspected drug den in Parañaque City last Tuesday and seized around 500 grams of shabu worth P1 million.

Also confiscated by agents, backed by drug-sniffing dogs, were a weighing scale, three M-16 magazines with 30 rounds and shabu paraphernalia.

Castillo said the raided residence is owned by one Abdul Patta alias "Lea."

Patta, Castillo said, managed to escape during the raid.

In Taguig, Sesinando Carlos Nazario Sr., 62, was invited by elements of the Southern Police District for questioning after his son, Sesinando, Jr., eluded arrest during an operation about 3:15 p.m. the other day.

Supt. Emiliano Caparas of the District Drug Enforcement Section said in a report that as Nazario Jr. was making his escape, he threw a backpack into the compound of his residence along MP Cruz St., Ususan, Taguig. The bag, which was recovered by the police, reportedly contained about 170 grams of suspected shabu placed inside 50 pieces of plastic sachets.

Caparas said Nazario Sr., who was the only person at the suspect's house, was taken to the SPD headquarters for questioning.

Meanwhile, Senior Supt. Romulo Sales, director of the Central Police District, backed by medical technologists, conducted a surprise drug test for some 75 police detectives, including 25 policemen assigned with the Drugs Enforcement Unit.

DEU commander Supt. Allan Pareno and the month-old chief of the Criminal Investigation Unit (also known as the detective bureau), Supt. Danilo Florentino, were not spared and submitted themselves to drug testing.

The surprise drug examination was made three days after Sales called a meeting with officials under his command at Camp Karingal headquarters to discuss strategies on how they would go after drug traffickers operating in Quezon City.

"The district is committed to a drug-free community and the first step is to clean up my own backyard of drug users and traffickers. The cleaning process starts here at the DDEU, a unit which is tasked to enforce drug laws," he told reporters.

Sales said those tested positive shall be subjected to compulsory drug rehabilitation while summary dismissal proceedings would be filed at the Internal Legal Affairs, a division tasked to investigate cops.

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Cops - undergo testing

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CPD stumped over UP kidnap

By Bong Padua

A YOUNG woman was reportedly kidnapped last Monday afternoon by car-riding men inside the University of the Philippines campus in Diliman, Quezon City, police revealed yesterday.

As of press time, however, investigators of the Central Police District's station 9 and the Criminal Investigation Unit have yet to identify the victim.

Station 9 commander Supt. Ireneo Dordas said the family of the victim has not even reported the incident to the police.

"At the moment, we are only relying on the information provided us by two persons who claimed to have witnessed the kidnapping," Dordas told the *Journal*.

The woman, who is said to be in her early 20s, was walking in front of the Engineering building around 4 p.m. Monday, when forced by several men into a white car with plate number UAK-628.

Police have already recovered the kidnappers' car in Makati city around noon yesterday.

Meanwhile, after a successful crackdown on jueteng and other forms of gambling, the CPD is set to wage another "war" — this time against drug traffickers in Quezon City.

CPD officer-in-charge, Sr. Supt. Romulo Sales, said they would work side by side with barangay leaders and the Presidential Anti-Organized Crime Task Force under Director Panfilo Lacson, in going after drug syndicates.

Mayor Ismael Mathay, Jr., who has been very supportive of the CPD's anti-crime campaigns, tagged the illegal drug trade as one of the biggest problems of the city and that "something must be done to neutralize the public menace."

In a recent statement, Mathay described the shabu trade (in the city) as a multimillion-peso business. An estimated P250 million worth of the so-called "poor man's cocaine" reportedly changed hands last year.

Quezon City is the favorite drugs transshipment point, according to intelligence reports.

In 1997, narcotics agents seized along Commonwealth Ave. nine sacks of shabu, one of the biggest drug hauls, in recent years.

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Cops lock in on UP killer

Correspondent

OFFICIALS of the Central Police District (CPD) are now holding four vital witnesses who have identified the gunman who killed UP journalism student Niño Calinao.

Senior Supt. Romulo Sales, CPD director, said investigators have already identified the suspect who gunned down Calinao on February 19 and the police are just gathering more evidence before making any arrest.

"We have identified the gunman and his cohorts, following rigid cross-examinations of witnesses. It is just a matter of time before we make an arrest," Sales told newsmen at CyPress Cafe forum in Quezon City.

Supt. Danilo Florentino, chief of the CPD-Criminal Investigation Division, said the witnesses were closely acquainted with Calinao. They saw the suspects approach Calinao and shoot him at close range using a .45-caliber pistol before escaping on board a Toyota sedan (IMF-700).

"We really have to get [the witnesses'] cooperation to the maximum. We are even requesting the media not to show their faces. We will not divulge their identities provided they can help us identify the culprits," Sales said.

Nardito Calinao, the father of the slain UP student, has appealed to the Quezon City police to investigate Sigma Rho fraternity member Yasser Abbas to contribute to the early resolution of the case. Abbas is the son of Moro Islamic Liberation Front lawyer Ferdaussi Abbas.

"Abbas testimony would help resolve the case and this would also be the perfect time to clear his [Abbas] name in the case," the elder Calinao said. The name of the younger Abbas cropped up in the investigation when the police started pursuing the angle that the murder of Calinao may be fraternity-related and that Calinao was shot because he was mistaken for a member of Abbas' rival fraternity.

Nardito showed two hand-written poems by Calinao recovered from his belongings yesterday. The two poems— one entitled "Tipid" and the other left untitled—were written in separate pieces of scratch papers found inside Calinao's knapsack.

One of the poems read, "*Pumanaw na kagabi ang aking pagkabalisa….*" which, Calinao's father said, strongly suggests that his son had some premonitions of his death.

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UP student killed
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