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Robber takes Manila councilor's SUV in QC

A SPORT utility vehicle belonging to a Manila city councilor was stolen Saturday morning shortly after his driver got off to buy from a bakery in Quezon City.

The still unidentified suspect took over and fled in the brown Mitsubishi Montero (POV-828) after forcing another employee of the councilor out of it.

The robbery happened near the corner of Scout Tobias and Lazcano streets around 7:30 a.m., according to Roland Subion, driver of Councilor Jong Isip.

In a statement to the police, Subion said he had just driven Isip's teenage son to an ABS-CBN Star Magic talent workshop when he decided to buy *pan de sal* from the bakery.

Isip's house help, Reyna Protacio, was briefly left alone inside the vehicle and the engine was still running when the suspect approached and forced Protacio off the front passenger seat.

Within seconds, the robber was behind the wheel and driving off. According to a report to the Quezon City Police District's Kamuning station, Subion described the robber to be bald, stocky and wearing a blue T-shirt and cargo pants. ***Erika Sauler***

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QC mayor: Step up campaign vs car theft

QUEZON City Mayor Herbert Bautista has asked the city's police to strengthen the campaign against car theft and put car thieves behind bars.

Bautista gave the go-signal for an intensified drive after he congratulated Quezon City Police District (QCPD), now headed by district director Sr. Supt. Joel Pagdilao, for its successful drive against drugs and killings in the city.

The mayor lauded men and women of QCPD for their efforts to make the city a safe, drug-free and peaceful community.

The continuous and successful drug busts in the past few months that had resulted in the arrest of big-time drug dealers and recovery of several kilos of shabu are a big accomplishment this year, Bautista said.

He added that the peace and order situation has improved significantly because there has been a decline in crime incidents in the city.

The QCPD, the mayor said, should continue deployment of more personnel and intelligence men in different crime-prone areas.

He added that the police district should also strictly implement the "no-plate, no-travel" policy for motorists.

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Stolen van found in QC; car stolen in Pasig

By Julie M. Aurelio and Niña Calleja

THREE men were arrested before dawn yesterday after they were found to be riding in a stolen vehicle in Quezon City.

Francisco Mendoza, 32; Romar Mendoza, 30; and Joel Pagsibigan, 33;—residents of Caloocan City—later admitted that the white Mitsubishi Adventure with a government plate (SKA 527) was stolen near a mall in Sta. Mesa, Manila, last month.

Supt. Lino Banaag of the La Loma police station said his men caught the suspected car thieves at around 4:30 a.m. yesterday at the corner of Malindang and CDC Streets in Barangay NS Amoranto in Quezon City.

A group of policemen was patrolling the area when they spotted the vehicle parked in a dark area.

They decided to conduct a spot check and accosted the three men inside the van.

Upon questioning, the three men became agitated and evasive. They also failed to present the vehicle's original receipt and certificate of registration.

Soon after, the three confessed that the Adventure was a stolen vehicle.

In Pasig City, car thieves struck in broad daylight on Sunday, victimizing the logistics manager of a telecommunications company and making off with his Honda Civic.

Warren Ermac, 41, an employee of Smart Communications and a resident of Barangay Oranbo, went to the police station later in the day to report the loss of his car which took place in front of a fastfood chain at around 9:30 a.m.

According to a report submitted to the Eastern Police District headquarters, Ermac parked his pearl white Honda Civic 2007 with plate number ZKE-133 in front of the restaurant on Shaw Boulevard to buy food.

When Ermac came out of the restaurant and went to his car, two men, one of them armed with a gun, appeared and declared a holdup, the report said.

At first, the victim said he thought the two men were only after his money. But when he was ordered to hand over the keys to his car, he tried to resist.

Ermac said he threw the keys in the direction of the restaurant's entrance and then he tried to wrestle the gun away from one of the robbers.

However, the robber overpowered him and struck him in the nape with the butt of the gun while his cohort went after the car keys, the report said.

After finding the keys to the car, the two boarded the vehicle and drove off, leaving the victim.

Supt. Alfredo Masculino Calama-an, deputy head of the Pasig Police, said they had alerted the police stations in the city and issued a flash alarm for the vehicle across Metro Manila.

The police said another carjacking happened last week in front of another fastfood chain. The victim was also accosted by the car thieves after he came out of the establishment.

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3 carjackers nabbed, but another SUV taken in Quezon City

By Rio N. Araja

THE Quezon City Police District on Monday nabbed three suspected carjackers for taking away a government vehicle in November.

Supt. Lino Banaag of Station 1 in La Loma identified the suspects as Francisco Mendoza, 32, Romar Mendoza, 30, and Joel Pagsibigan, 33, all of Bagong Barrio, Caloocan City.

He said the three stole the Mitsubishi Adventure [SKA-527] from the Department of Health.

He said his men were patrolling the vicinity when they spotted the van parked in a dimly lit portion of the area.

Upon interrogation, the suspects failed to present an original receipt and certificate of registration of the vehicle.

The suspects told police they stole the vehicles near the SM Centerpoint.

Meanwhile, a sales manager lost a company-owned Mitsubishi Montero to two thieves in Quezon City in broad daylight Monday.

SPO1 Richard Managuelod of the Quezon City Police District-Station 2 in Baler identified the victim as Edison de Guzman, 33, of 12-B Ilocos Sur St., Barangay Ramon Magsaysay.

De Guzman, an executive of VSSC Distribution Inc., complained to authorities that his family had just alighted from the van after attending a Mass when two unidentified men appeared from behind and approached him in front of his house around 1:15 p.m.

The suspects poked their .45-caliber guns at the victim, announced the carjacking, and directed him to get off the Mitsubishi Montero [PC-711] belonging to his company.

They commandeered the vehicle toward an unknown direction.

De Guzman said one of the two men hit him with a gun.

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QC councilors propose to make carnapping a non-bailable crime

By **CHITO A. CHAVEZ**

Quezon City (QC) councilors yesterday asked Congress to enact a proposal that would make carnapping a non-bailable crime.

Councilor Godofredo Liban 11, in his proposal, called for the enforcement of stronger and stringent laws, noting the increase in as rampant carjacking and carnapping cases.

In past carjacking and carnapping cases, he claimed, suspects who have strong ties with affluent and influential crime syndicates were able to get out of their predicament since the cases are bailable offense.

Recently, the motorcycle of Kagawad Nonoy Romero of Barangay Quirino 2-C in the city's third district was stolen inside the garage of his residents, prompting the barangay official to claim that carnappers are "getting bolder and braver" due to the light penalties.

"Sad to say that a secured garage in my place can still be penetrated by lawless elements. There should be a law that would make carnapping and carjacking as non-bailable offenses," Romero said.

Liban noted that most of the carnapping incidents that happened in Metro Manila had resulted in death to some drivers or owners of vehicle as in the case of Marlon Quicho, driver of Judge Racquelen Vasquez, who was shot dead in front of his employer's house in Geronino St., Tandang Sora, Quezon City last July 29.

"Making carnapping a non-bailable crime may provide a deterrent to the rampant proliferation of the crime," Liban said.

He added that carnappers even appear to be taunting police authorities, adding that a stronger law against carnappingneeds to be passed immediately.

Liban claimed that carnappers belonging to syndicates could easily post bail for the crime they committed.

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QC's no carnap capital, says mayor

By Rio N. Araja

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SAYING incidence of car theft was higher in neighboring Manila, Quezon City Mayor Herbert Bautista on Wednesday dismissed speculations that his city is the "carnap capital" of Metro Manila.

Citing statistical reports of the Philippine National Police's Highway Patrol Group, Bautista said Manila registered the most number of stolen vehicles from January 1 to July 31 this year.

He added Quezon City recorded 291 carjacking cases only.

Bautista said that while both localities posted the highest number of car theft incidents in July, Quezon City posted 64 cases against Manila's 84.

"This is a vindication on the part of our city police. All along, for the past seven months, Quezon City has had to live with this label as if the city police was doing nothing," he noted.

He directed the chief of the Quezon City Police District, Chief Supt. George Regis, to reinforce patrol operations to prevent carnapping incidents as well as bank robbery, beef up their intelligence capability and solve previous carnap cases.

Earlier, Regis said the issue of carnapping in a city should also take into consideration the population and the number of vehicles.

The PNP had reported that carnapping cases in the country had dropped by 56 percent in the first seven months of the year.

HPG spokesman Supt. Edwin Butacan said this was the first time in 11 years that the incidence of carnapping had dropped by more than 50 percent.

He attributed the drop to the fall of carnapping syndicates like the Dominguez group, believed to be one of the biggest in the country.

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QC anti-carnap chief advises car owners: Remove batteries, fuses

By JEFFREY G. DAMICOG

Take out the car batteries and fuses.

This was the advice of Supt. Ferdinand Villanueva, chief of Quezon City Police District's Anti-Carnapping Unit (QCPD-DACU), to car owners as the best means to prevent their vehicles from being carnapped.

"Once these have been removed, carnappers can't even start up and drive away with the vehicle," explained Villanueva.

Confessed carnapper Edelberto Marteja, 21, the alleged leader of the Marteja-Briones carnap group who was arrested last Friday by the QCPD-DACU, admitted to reporters that there were some vehicles they were forced to give up on because they could not start up since the batteries or fuses have been removed.

Marteja recounted: "Minsan nasa loob na kami pero hindi namin mapaandar. Tinanggal pala yung baterya (There were times we could not start a car. We found that the batteries have been removed)."

"If you want to leave your vehicles along the street, then better remove the batteries and fuses," Villanueva advised motorists.

On the other hand, Villanueva said the capacitor discharge ignition (CDI) is the only thing needed to be removed from motorcycles so that thieves can't drive them.

Being a self-confessed carnapper, Marteja recalled that he also removed the CDI whenever he leaves behind his motorcycle that he once owned.

To prevent motorcycles from being lifted away, the DACU chief also advised owners to chain their motorbikes to fixed objects.

Marteja also said it was easy for his group to carnap 1997 vehicle models and older.

He explained that they can easily fit flat screws and other keys inside the key holes which have been worn out because of the age of the vehicles.

With this, Villanueva advised owners of 1997 vehicle models and older to replace their old ignition key holes with new ones.

He said his group is always on the watch for Monteros and Fortuners as well as for vehicles with plate numbers starting with N and P.

Marteja explained that vehicles with N and P are newer models issued in 2009, 2010 and 2011.

Marteja earlier sat down with reporters Sunday night at the QCPD-DACU and said he has already "bought a car from what I earned."

Marteja said he got enticed by how much he could earn when he got recruited into the group.

He said he earned at most P20,000 and at least P8,000 for every vehicle they take. He eventually bought a second-hand Toyota Corolla worth ₱70,000.

The QCPD has already attributed 46 carnapping incidents taking place in Quezon City this year to the group, and Marteja admitted being involved in many of these cases.

Since he started out, Marteja managed to elude police arrest until Friday morning when he and three other members of his group-- Mike Juval Dicatanungan and Fernandez brothers Larry and Ricky—got arrested by DACU operatives in Quezon City.

Marteja recounted that he was recruited in January by Jonathan Rodriguez, alias Athan, in their neighborhood in Parkway Village, Barangay Apolonio Samson. Rodriguez is currently detained at the Quezon City Jail after being arrested in June with other members of the group for carnapping charges.

anti-carnapping advisory

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QC councilors push proposal making carjacking non-bailable offense

Members of the Quezon City Council have unanimously called for the enactment of a proposal in Congress which would make carjacking a non-bailable offense as they believed it would deter lawless elements from committing such crime.

"This would surely lessen if not totally eradicate car theft cases, especially in Metro Manila and, of course, in the city," according to a resolution which got the support of the 26 council members and Sanggunian's presiding officer, Vice Mayor Joy Belmonte.

Principally authored by Councilor Godofredo Liban II, the measure calls "for a strong support to the move that will make carjacking a non-bailable crime as a deterrent to the proliferation of such crime in the country, particularly in Metro Manila."

The QC aldermen, in passing the resolution, noted most of carjacking incidents that happened in Metro Manila alone had resulted in the deaths of some drivers or owners of vehicles.

They cited the case of one Marlon Quicho, driver of Judge Racquelen Vasquez, who was shot dead in front of his employer's house on Geronino Street, Tandang Sora, Quezon City last July 29.

"It is hoped that making carjacking a non-bailable crime may provide a deterrent to the proliferation of the crime," Liban said.

He observed that car thieves are getting bolder and even appear to be taunting the police authorities in the face, thus a need for a stronger law against the crime which is to make it non-bailable needs to be passed immediately to help solve the problem.

These car thieves, especially those who belong to syndicates, could easily post bail for the crime they committed and eventually repeat their crime at the expense of their hapless victims, Liban said.

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Metro Corner

Erik Espina

Anti-carnapping in QC

In a confidential report obtained from sources, the recent high profile carnapping incidents (including the killing of a TV network executive and its immediate resolution) in the Quezon City (QC) area has prompted its recently installed police director to launch pre-emptive anti-crime measures. The aim is to make the city clearly a "no man's land" for criminal elements and their nefarious activities.

Syndicates also preying on the season's heightened economic and social activities, are in for a rude surprise. The saying "you do the crime, you do the time" is the best way to describe the mentality of Police Senior Superintendent Magtanggol Gatdula of QC. Insiders warn not to let their boss' "boyish looks fool you." Gatdula is also a lawyer aside from being a graduate of the prestigious Philippine Military Academy. With a name as Filipino (nationalistic) and as apropos as "Magtanggol" (or 'Tanggol' as nickname), I have no doubt offenders or would-be derelicts of the law are on short notice, stay out of QC – beware, you will be caught! That is their battlecry.

As 10-point plan is now in effect, two of which are: 1) Recruitment of 50 rookie policemen for malls, MRT stations, commercial buildings, and; 2) Fixed Visibility Point (VSP) where mobile cars are parked in areas where crime normally happens, etc.

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Based on reported episodes of actual carnapping in QC, vehicle owners and their family members should be made aware that the following models were never specifically involved in what the police categorize as "Stolen While Parked" (SWP), particularly the hallowed key slots preventing carnappers from dismantling key-lock assembly: Toyota Vios, Toyota Altis, Toyota Fortuner, Toyota Innova, BMW, Mercedez-Benz, Mitsubishi Pajero 2006 Model, Honda Model 20052006, Ford Cars/SUVs and Nissan Patrol.

In contrast, the following vehicle types/models with protruding/exposed key slots were involved in SWP: Nissan Sentra, Nissan Frontier, Nissan Santa Fe, Nissan Safari, Toyota Revo, Toyota Models 90-98, Toyota FX, Mitsubishi Lancer/L200/L300, Pajero Models 94-96, Honda I Si/VTEC/LXi/LX SIR.

The courses of action taken for immediate implementation: 1) Encourage owners motor vehicles, with no secured parking slots/garage, to install anti-carnapping devices; 2) Prohibit or strictly regulate selling of local surplus spare parts to drastically reduce, if not eliminate, the ready market for illegally obtained or "chopchop" spare parts 3) Reactivating issuing TMG clearances in all domestic/international seaports as deterrent for the smuggling out of the country of high-end vehicles (e.g. Mainland China, Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia where local syndicates have developed connections) as well as into the Visayas and Mindanao where there is a high demand for stolen vehicles; 4) Increase penalties for violations of RA 6539 (Anti-Carnapping) and PD 1612 (Anti-Fencing); 5) Enhancement/upgrade of operational capability of QCPD ANCAR Unit. Note, at present the unit only has: one patrol vehicle, two hand-held radios and four long firearms, no intelligence funds. Nevertheless, this corner recalls, despite said lack of resources, the recent arrest of the No. 3 Most Wanted Carnapper in the country by operatives of this unit is noted by this corner's recollection.

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One incident worth mentioning was the QCPD's recent operation (with composite PNP team) apprehending three alleged carnapping suspects and the recovery of nine carnapped vehicles in a compound in No. 4-19 Seminary Street, Essel Park Subdivision, Brgy. Sto. Domingo, Angeles City, Pampanga. Said arrest was made possible by a flash alarm transmitted to all police stations, mobile patrol units, and newly activated anti-carnapping monitoring units located in Balintawak, North Luzon Expressway. Mr. Arturo Adrales of Sta. Ana, Manila, is one happy Pajero owner after his SUV was reported stolen while parked inside the Quezon Memorial Circle, and later recovered in said operation.

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Anti-carnap tips listed

QUEZON CITY – A week-long conference is afoot for anti-carnapping authorities with a view to look for effective measures to eliminate carnapping during the advent of the Christmas season notably in Metro Manila and other urban centers throughout the country.

Police Chief Supt. Danilo P. Mangila, director, Traffic Management Group (TMG) said "like in previous years, TMG uniformed and in civilian attire will be again be posted starting next month in public or paid parking areas including big shopping and commercial outlets."

He said TMG fieldmen will also go after hold-up artists and other criminal elements preying on helpless commuters onboard passenger buses plying the circumferential Epifanio de los Santos Ave. on a round-the-clock basis.

Invited to attend are heads of company security forces and security and detective agencies whose firm has been enlisted to provide order and security within a shopping establishment.

At the same time, Mangila issued the following tips to motorists to forestall carnapping:

* Always lock all car doors when parked
* Never stay inside the car while parked
* Take your family members with you when you park
* Install safety and alarm devices whenever you park
* Check the area of suspicious looking people
* Always park in lighted areas at night
* Remove valuables inside your car before parking
* Never entrust your car key to strangers to avoid duplication
* Avoid hitchhikers specially beautiful women
* Park your car in secured areas as much as possible. (Sel A. Baysa)

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Councilor praises Cebu congressman over apology on QC carnap tag controversy

"WE have been vindicated," was the initial reaction of Quezon City Councilor Anthony Castelo, even as he praised House Majority Leader Eduardo Gullas for expressing regrets over the controversy generated by his statement which gave Quezon City the tag, "Carnap Capital of the Philippines."

"Such humility before the common weal is a gesture high in spirit and is a quality worthy of emulation," said Castelo of Gullas' letter of appeasement to the City Council thru Mayor Ismael A. Mathay, Jr. "This is very unfortunate. If our statement annoyed or rubbed the City Council members the wrong way, then we feel very sorry about it. We did not mean to offend anyone," said Gullas in an interview. He further stated that, "It was never our intention to put Quezon City down."

The controversy came on the heels of an earlier revelation of Gullas that the city posted the highest number of carnapping cases in the country, which triggered the ire of Castelo who demanded a public apology for his "diatribe which caused a slur on the wholesome image of the city and tarnished the good image of our good Mayor's administration." Citing Philippine National Police—Traffic Management group Report (PNP-TMG), Gullas said that 448 vehicles were stolen in Quezon City or 24 percent of the total carnap vehicles, followed by Makati with 214 units (11 percent) and Manila, 164 (9 percent).

But Castelo quickly reacted to Gullas' report citing flaws in the latter's interpretation of statistics.

"Mr. Gullas should have factored—in the Metro Manila Urban Transportation Integration Study (MMUTIS) to arrive at a better judgment of the issue in the wake of Congress' move to strengthen the anti-car theft law," stressed Castelo.

It was gathered from that data that Metro Manila has a vehicle density of 16-million vehicles. Since Quezon City's territory constitutes one fourth of the entire territory of the region, it came as no surprise that it absorbed one-fourth of the entire carnap cases recorded.

"It is significant to note that the city is in the crossroad of the entire national capital region, hence the top generator and attractor of trip demands—work trips, home trips, etc.," Castelo explained.

As could be gleaned from the MMUTIS, Makati, with a territory five times smaller than Quezon City, registered 214—almost half of that of Quezon City equated to already two carnap vehicles per 10,000 cars.

"Our esteemed legislators should appreciate other pertinent and relevant data, such as population density, car ownership, volume of vehicles that pass the road network system, size of territory and such other considerations to produce qualitative measures, said Castelo.

Castelo said Gullas' apology was not a victory for his vigilance in fighting for the honor of the Mathay administration and the integrity of the city, but a victory for common decency. "Rep. Gullas showed sterling qualities of a true gentleman and deserves our praise," he concluded.

Carnap controversy