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CIDG PROBES DEEPER INTO CHOP-CHOP BODIES

Police forensic examiners are now comparing the fingerprints of one of two dead bodies found in Nueva Vizcaya with those of missing publicist Bubby Dacer and his driver Manuel Corbito.

CIDG investigators are now gathering fingerprint records of both Dacer and Corbito in the files of the Commission on Elections, National Bureau of Investigation, and Department of Foreign Affairs to compare it with that of the corpse found in Bagabag, Nueva Vizcaya Friday.

But according to PNP Spokesman, Senior Superintendent Nicanor A Bartolome, members of the Dacer family are convinced that the bodies were not that of the missing PR man's.

Bartolome said that Dacer's kin, thru spokesperson Edwin Fargas, had been invited by police investigators to identify the two bodies recovered from Nueva Vizcaya, but, they declined after being informed over the phone that neither cadaver had old scars in the abdomen.

In the 60's, Dacer reportedly survived an ambush in Masbate that left scars from gunshot wounds he sustained in the abdomen.

"The absence of these identifying scars in the recovered cadavers apparently convinced the Dacer family that the bodies were not that of Bubby's," Bartolome said.

In a news briefing, Bartolome announced that the CIDG, the lead PNP unit tasked to investigate Dacer's disappearance, is also verifying the authenticity of the serial numbers and other markings found in a pair of handcuffs recovered from the crime scene in Nueva Vizcaya.

"The CIDG is now verifying from logistics records to whom the handcuffs with serial numbers 718404 were issued, if indeed the markings are authentic," Bartolome said.

He clarified that the authenticity of the markings on the handcuffs remain doubtful as investigators noted that the markings "PNP Property" were poorly etched and were observed to be different from the markings found on standard PNP-issued handcuffs.

"Initially, investigators are not yet sure whether these handcuffs indeed belong to the PNP. Nonetheless, further laboratory examinations are still underway to determine the real origin of the handcuffs," the PNP Spokesman said.

Meanwhile, the two bodies recovered in Nueva Vizcaya are now being carefully examined at the PNP Crime Laboratory in Camp Crame for possible identification.

The bodies were found dismembered into several pieces and placed inside plastic trash bags in Bagabag, Nueva Vizcaya in the wee hours of Friday. When found, examiners estimated the victims' time of death within the last 24 hours.