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CUDAL OWES GOVERNMENT P55, 000.00 IN WATER & POWER BILLS

Erstwhile Police Community Relations Group Director, Chief Superintendent Steve Cudal owes the government P 55, 000.00 in unpaid water and electricity bills.

For the past eight years, Cudal has not paid the water and electricity bills for Apartment 30-B, his official government quarters inside Camp Crame.

This was learned today as the PNP Housing Board prepares to send its final notice for Cudal to settle the account.

In a news conference today, PNP Spokesman, Senior Superintendent Nicanor A Bartolome said Cudal has consistently failed to settle his water and electricity bills in his assigned government quarters since 1992.

In 1998 Cudal went to court with a petition to stop the PNP from collecting his long overdue account. The court denied his petition and instead advised him to settle the amount.

"This was not the first time that Chief Superintendent Cudal took the PNP to court," Bartolome said.

Sometime ago, Cudal also filed a petition for the issuance of a Temporary Restraining Order to prevent his relief from the Directorate of Investigation and Detective Management where he was Deputy Director.

The PNP Spokesman said, "Cudal always takes his case to court, but, seldom does he abide by the court's decisions."

Early this year, Cudal refused a reassignment as Deputy Director for Research and Development calling it a "demotion".

But, Bartolome explained that the position of Deputy Director for Research and Development is a star-rank post for Chief Superintendents.

Last week, Cudal sought for an injunction asking the court to stop the PNP from implementing his relief as PCRG Director.

Cudal's relief orders took effect November 23, 2000. He has since been replaced by Senior Superintendent Nelson Estares.

Upon his assumption as PCRG Officer-in-Charge, Estares himself was surprised to find out that the budget allotted for PCRG has all been used-up.

"As reported to me by the PCRG Budget Officer, only P7,000 remain from the 4th Quarter fund of P1.7-million," Estares told media during an interview this morning.

Estares has ordered a management audit to account for all the funds and resources of the PCRG.

Among the subject of the management for audit are the six government vehicles assigned with the PCRG. Only three are reported to be operational.

But despite the fact the only three out of the six vehicles are operational, the PCRG has continued to spend all its fuel allocations for six vehicles, according to records of the Directorate for Logistics.

Cudal, meantime, has yet to return two of the vehicles, among which is a white Proton Wyra sedan designated as official staff car of the PCRG Director.

Several officials of the PCRG have surfaced to denounce Cudal for his apparent mismanagement of the PCRG.

Most vocal among them was erstwhile PCRG Chief of Directorial Staff, Senior Superintendent Cesar Yulo who accused Cudal of using

government resources and personnel to meddle in a land dispute case in Antipolo City.

Some of Cudal's trusted men, according to Yulo, figured in a recent shooting incident in Antipolo over a disputed piece of real property.

For his part, SPO4 Danilo Bulabon, PCRG Sergeant Major, expressed the sentiments of the PCRG rank and file under Cudal.

"Kaming mga Non-Commissioned Officers at mga Non-Uniformed Personnel ay natutuwa sa pagkaka-relieve ni General Cudal sa PCRG," Bulabon said.