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POLICE BUST CAVITE HOLD-UP GANG

Police arrested over the weekend seven suspected members of a notorious robbery-holdup and carnapping syndicate operating in Cavite and Metro Manila.

The busting of the group resulted in the confiscation of five high-powered firearms and five stolen cars.

In a news conference PNP Chief, Director General Panfilo M Lacson and Senior Superintendent Nestor Sanares, Cavite Provincial Director presented the following arrested members of the Nonoy Group:

1. NOEL RADO y Crisostomo alias Nonoy, 35, of Filinvest Homes, Barangay Salawag, Dasmariñas, Cavite;
2. TEODULO CAMSON y Artificio alias Batang, 37, of V. Francisco St., Tondo, Manila;
3. LEVI PACSA y Lababo, 29, taxi driver of Mataas na Lupa, Paco, Manila;
4. SIMEON CALUPAS alias Jun, 47, an MMDA Traffic Enforcer and resident of Bagong Silang, Caloocan City;
5. MICHAEL TAGABI y Cabanag, 27, of Port Area, Manila; and
6. ARISTOTLE PUNZALAN y Cruz alias Ayi, 24, of Bgy. Palapala, Dasmariñas, Cavite; and
7. EDGARDO CRUZ y Contreras alias Igat, 36 of Rizal St., Pandi, Bulacan.

The members of the group were arrested during a series of operations conducted by the Cavite Police in different parts of the province.

In his report, Sanares tagged the group as responsible in at least 15 previous incidents of highway robbery, carnapping, and hold-up.

Sanares said the group is also behind a series of robberies victimizing tourists and money changing shops.

Before their arrest, the group was planning to kidnap a wealthy Chinese businessman of Apo St. in Quezon City, Sanares said.

Confiscated from the group were one cal.45 Ithaca pistol, one cal.38 Special Edition, two 9mm Smith & Wesson pistol, three cal.38 revolvers.

Police recovered from the group the following motor vehicles: Green Toyota Revo WAE-353, a dark blue Toyota Corolla sedan, a dark blue Isuzu Highlander UTA-607, a light brown Ford Telstar PLX-836, and a gray Honda Civic TNH-121.

Among the alleged involvement of the group in criminal activities were:

Robbery hold-up of Japanese tourists aboard a van on March 2000 in Tagaytay City;

Hold-up of two Japanese tourists aboard an Avis Taxi on March 2000 along the National Highway in Tagaytay;

Robbery of two Korean nationals from Casino Filipino in Angeles City on March 2000;

Robbery of Unlimited Travel Agency in Makati City;

Carnapping of a gray Honda Civic at the CCP Complex on August 2000;

Carnapping of an Isuzu Highlander in Binondo on September 2000;

Hold-up of the Ho Tsin Ho Fastfood in front of the Heritage Hotel on September 2000;

Hold-up of the Calauag Money Changer at Saluysoy, Meycauayan, Bulacan on August 2000;

Foiled robbery of a tourist bus from Villa Escudero on October 2000;

Attempted robbery of the Shoeland Supermarket in Calamba, Laguna on October 2000;

Aborted highway robbery in Bgy. San Ignacio, San Pablo City on October 8, 2000;

Foiled robbery of the RCBC remittance infront of Manila City Hall on October 2000;

Robbery of a money changer shop infront of 711 Store in Molino IV, Imus, Cavite; and

Carnapping of a Toyota Corolla on January 2000 at Marulas, Bulacan and converted it into a taxi.