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SAMAR FERRY TERMINAL COPS AXED FOR EXTORTION

A Chief of Police in Northern Samar and a subordinate policeman were dismissed from the service over alleged extortion activities at a ferryboat terminal in the province.

Found guilty of Grave Misconduct during Summary Dismissal Proceedings were SPO4 Amy Cajandab, erstwhile Chief of Police of Allen Municipal Police Station, and SPO3 Alfonso Rarela, head of the Allen Police Assistance Office (APAO) at the Ferry Terminal in Barangay Looc, Allen.

In his report to PNP Chief, Director General Panfilo M Lacson, Chief Superintendent Efren Fernandez, PRO-8 Director in Eastern Visayas said the sanctions against Cajandab and Rarela were in line with the current thrust of the PNP against ICUs or inept, corrupt and undisciplined members of the force.

Cajandab and Rarela were found liable for Grave Misconduct for "anomalously insisting to perpetuate the unauthorized operation of the Allen Police Assistance Office (APAO) at the Ferry Terminal in Bgy. Looc, Allen, Northern Samar despite a directive for its abolition from the Provincial Director."

The APAO, Fernandez noted, was manned by Rarela and was located inside a private pier without authority from the operators of the privately-owned port.

records show that Cajandab was earlier directed by the Provincial Director to abolish the APAO due to persistent complaints of extortion.

Motorist have complained that their vehicles were required to pass through the APAO for inspection, stamping and payment of corresponding fees before being allowed to board the ferryboats to Sorsogon.

For his apparent failure to stop the alleged irregularities at the APAO, Cajandab was found liable under the doctrine of command responsibility.