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### 2 COPS FACE AXE FOR FIRING GUNS

Two policemen face possible dismissal from the service for allegedly firing their guns indiscriminately, in violation of a strict directive from the PNP leadership.

PNP Chief, Director General Leandro R Mendoza has ordered the conduct of Summary Dismissal Proceedings against, **SPO4 Pedrito Laut** of the Traffic Management Group, and **SPO1 Jaime Gimena** of the Criminal Investigation and Detection Group Regional Office-7 based in Central Visayas.

According to PNP Spokesman, Chief Superintendent Crescencio L Maralit, the order of the PNP Chief "manifests the firm and uncompromising stance of the PNP leadership against any breach of discipline by PNP personnel particularly the indiscriminate firing of guns."

According to Maralit, Laut was arrested by mobile patrol elements of the Mandaluyong City Police after he fired his issued cal. 38 revolver twice into the air at the vicinity of the Star Mall at the corner of EDSA and Shaw Boulevard.

Laut was reportedly drunk at the time despite being in complete PNP uniform, Maralit said.

Mendoza has directed the Eastern Police District to file criminal charges against Laut, while the directed the Traffic Management Group to initiate Summary Dismissal proceedings against the police officer.

Gimena, on the otherhand, became the subject of complaints from his neighbors at Barangay Gun-og, Lapulapu City after he indiscriminately fired his gun during Christmas Eve.

He was momentarily held for questioning by the Lapulapu City Police, but was released later for still unknown reasons.

The PNP Chief has directed Chief Superintendent Avelino Razon Jr, PRO-7 Director, to place Gimena under custody pending investigation and conduct of Summary Dismissal Proceedings.