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5 Carnappers Arrested Including Gang Leader PNP STRIKES AGAINST CARNAPPERS

Taking the all-out war directive to heart, operatives of the PNP Traffic Management Group conducted a series of operations that resulted in the arrest of five suspected carnappers, including the leader of the MAYOR GROUP and the recovery of several vehicles in various areas, namely, Bulacan, Pampanga, Quezon City and Pasay City.

The suspects and the recovered vehicles were presented by PNP Chief Director General Hermogenes E Ebdane Jr to President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo and DILG Secretary Jose Lina at Camp Crame this morning. The operations were undertaken by the PNP-TMG headed by newly designated Chief Police Senior Superintendent Danilo Mangila.

BULACAN RAID NETS WANTED VEHICLES, CHOP-CHOP CAR PARTS AND CARNAPPING PARAPHERNALIA

In Bulacan last August 7, joint operations involving elements of Headquarters Regional Traffic Management Office 3, Bulacan Provincial Traffic Management Office, Tarlac Provincial Traffic Management Office and PIIB, and Bulacan Provincial Police Office resulted in the recovery of four (4) motor vehicles, as follows: maroon Toyota Tamaraw FX, gray Mitsubishi Lancer 4-door sedan, one (1) black Suzuki Motorcycle and one (1) white Suzuki Motorcycle.

Upon verification with the TMG Vehicle Information Management System (VIMS), it was learned that an alarm has been out on the black Suzuki Motorcycle.

Other items confiscated were one (1) Toyota Tamaraw FX skeleton; four (4) engine blocks with tampered engine numbers, three (3) chassis; one (1) chop-chop body, Toyota Tamaraw FX; two (2) acetylene tanks; two (2) air compressors; one (1) Honda scooter; and assorted motor vehicle spare parts.

The search and seizure was conducted on the basis of Search Warrant No 88-M-02 issued by Judge Diaz-Baldoz on the residence of Miguel Alvaro alias "Mike" in Barangay Camachilihan, Bustos, Bulacan.

Present during the search operations was Mrs Ester Alvaro, the wife of Miguel Alvaro, and Mr Norberto Tomas, Acting Barangay Police Chief of Barangay Camachilihan.

Mrs Alvaro revealed that the vehicles were brought to their residence by a certain Patrick of Calumpit, Bulacan for repair and repainting. She also said that the maroon Toyota Tamaraw FX had been delivered only last Monday, August 5, 2002.

Charges for violation of RA 6539 and PD 1612 are being prepared against Alvaro and "Patrick" for filing at the Bulacan Prosecutor's Office.

PAMPANGA POLICE OPERATIONS NAB "MAYOR GROUP" CARNAP GANG LEADER

Acting on information provided by concerned citizens that an organized carnapping group was preparing for a carnapping in Apalit, Pampanga, the PNP Regional Traffic Management Office 3 and the Apalit Police Office conducted anti-carnapping operations last August 8, 2002 which resulted in the arrest of two members of the MAYOR GROUP, including its leader. The information specified that a maroon Toyota Corolla with plate number TLJ-319 would be used during the operation.

During stake-out operations along McArthur Highway, the maroon Corolla was cited and when flagged down by the police, the vehicle accelerated in the direction of Apalit town proper. The ensuing chase

stopped at the Apalit Junction where police units had blocked the road.

Arrested were MAYOR GROUP leader ANDRES PALABASAN JR y Waje, resident of Sunville Subdivision, Visayas Avenue, Project 6, Quezon City; and ROMY ARAGO y Matris of Pugo St, Batasan, Commonwealth Avenue, Quezon City. Three (3) other members of the group had escaped. The MAYOR GROUP's carnapping operations cover Quezon City and nearby provinces.

A case against PALABASAN and ARAGO for violation of RA 6539 [Anti-Carnapping Law] is being prepared.

ANTI-CARNAPPING PATROL RECOVERS WANTED VEHICLE IN QUEZON CITY

On Saturday, August 10, 2002, elements of PNP-TMG who were conducting anti-carnapping patrol operations along Katipunan Road, Loyola Heights, Quezon City recovered a green Isuzu Hi-Lander Crosswinds with Plate Number XAP-809 which was forcibly taken last August 8, 2002 as reported by Mr Roel Renomeron.

The said vehicle was being flagged down at around 9:30am for violation of RA 4136 [No rear plate attached] but the driver/possessor of the vehicle attempted to escape as he was not able to present any documents of ownership for the vehicle. The driver was identified as JOSE SAMSON y Rivera, 45 years old, married, resident of Xavierville, Quezon City.

Records of the Central Police District Anti-Carnapping Task Force show that last August 8, when the motor vehicle was forcibly taken, its driver, Mr Jefferson Espino, was murdered.

Police are preparing to file the proper charges against the suspect for violation of RA 6539 [Anti-Carnapping Law] and/or PD 1612 [Anti-fencing Law]; and Article 151 of the Revised Penal Code for Resisting Arrest.

FAST ACTION SOLVES MAKATI CARNAP

Less than five hours after a Mitsubishi Pajero Wagon was reported stolen on August 11, 2002 along Pasong Tamo St, Barangay Pio del Pilar, Makati City, TMG operatives recovered the vehicle and arrested two (2) suspects who had attempted to sell the vehicle.

As part of continuing operations against the MECHURE Group, police operatives were able to monitor the attempted selling which took place at the San Juan De Dios Hospital in Pasay City at 11am. The two (2) suspects, identified as ALVIN MAGPAYO and PHILIP ANDRE NAVARRO, were caught in possession of the vehicle, and could not produce the pertinent papers for the 1996 Pajero with plate number AZZ-888. Another person, identified by the suspects as AURORA FERNANDEZ, live-in partner of Navarro, alighted from the Pajero upon arriving at San Juan De Dios Hospital and boarded a white Nissan Vannette.

Makati Police Station records show that the owner, Ms Anna Teresa Yujuico of Makati City, had reported the vehicle as stolen at 7:00am of the same day. Both suspects have been verified to be members of the MECHURE Group, one of the notorious carnapping syndicates operating in Metro Manila included in the carnapping Target List. Appropriate charges are being prepared against both suspects.