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EBDANE: NO COMPROMISE FOR THE GUILTY PNP NABS POLICE INSPECTOR FOR FILTERING 1.5 KILOS OF DRUGS

In fulfillment of the "no compromise for the guilty" commitment in the cleansing of ranks, PNP Chief Hermogenes E Ebdane Jr announced the arrest of Police Inspector DELFIN A TORREGOZA, forensic chemist of the PNP Crime Laboratory, for pilfering 1.533 kilos of methamphetamin hydrochloride (shabu) which was supposed to be presented to the RTC Branch 13, Manila last June 6, 2002.

In a report submitted by Crime Laboratory Acting Director PSSUPT Restituto Mosqueda, the pilfering of the 1.5 kilograms of shabu was done under the guise of presenting the same to RTC Branch 13, Manila last June 6, 2002 in the case versus Josefino Fernandez. During the Comprehensive Drug Inventory conducted by the Crime Lab, it was discovered that Torregoza never presented the drug evidence. When summoned to explain the incident, Torregoza went into hiding.

After more than a month of surveillance operations and negotiations, Torregoza surrendered at 5:00 A.M. September 30, 2002, bringing with him two self-sealing transparent plastic bags with marking "EAD-1 3-02-02" and JGF 3-02-02" containing 1.359 kilograms of methampethamine hydrochloride.

On September 24, 2002, Crime Lab Director Mosequeda has signed the dismissal papers of the Plnsp Torregoza effective immediately based on the recommendation of the Summary Hearing Board of the PNP to dismiss Plnsp Torregoza from the service for four (4) counts of Serious Neglect of Duty and Habitual Absenteeism. Criminal

charges are also being prepared against Torregoza for violation of RA 9165 (Comprehensive Dangerous Drug Act).

"The PNP is committed to win the streets criminals, even those who wear the uniform and the badge. There will be no compromise for the guilty, and we will not hesitate to implement the law regardless of who is involved," Ebdane emphasized.