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### **CAFGU'S BRO, 3 OTHERS CLASH WITH NPA MEMBERS IN CATANDUANES FIREFIGHT LEAVES 3 DEAD, 1 INJURED**

Camp Ola, Legazpi City - Four abaca strippers, who were on their way to an abaca plantation in Bgy. Tubrehon, San Miguel, Catanduanes, engaged a group of armed New People's Army (NPA) in a bloody firefight Friday morning. Three NPA regulars died in the aftermath of the gun battle.

On the other hand, Sonny Capil, one of the abaca strippers and a resident of Bgy Balatohan, San Miguel, survived gunshot wound on the body. He is a brother of CAFGU member Danilo Capil, whom NPA hit men shot and killed last Sept. 14, 2003 in Bgy. Ogob in Malinao, Albay.

Bgy. Tubrehon, an upland barangay characterized by rough roads, has been categorized as an NPA-affected barangay as of the third quarter of 2003.

In a report to PRO5 Director PCSUPT JAIME LACSI LASAR, Catanduanes PNP Provincial Director SSUPT WALBERTO MANDIN identified the slain NPA combatants as Ka Romme/Andy (True Name Unknown), leader of the group; and female members, Ka Alma (True Name Unknown) and Ka Gie (True Name Unknown).

PSSUPT MANDIN said that the NPA members, led by Ka Rommel/Andy, and Capil's group crossed path in Bgy. Tubrehon. The terrorists immediately opened fire when they recognized Sonny Capil to be a brother of Danilo Capil - a CAFGU member whom they murdered two months ago in Albay.

But, despite seeing what the terrorists did to Capil, his three (3) other companions did not lose hope. Instead of leaving him behind, they grappled with the Ka Rommel's group and snatched some of the NPA members' guns and they fired at the group of the fleeing terrorists and killed three of them.

The group also passed by Sonny's house and brought along with them his wife, Alma and their five children. Upon reaching Bgy. Pagsangahan of the same town, they commandeered an Isuzu Elf service truck of the First Catanduanes Electric Company (FICELCO) and used it to bring the wounded Capil to Eastern Bicol Medical Center in Virac, Catanduanes.

They voluntarily surrendered the NPA members' firearms at a police checkpoint in Bgy. San Vicente, Virac, Catanduanes.

Police buried the cadavers of the slain dissidents at the San Miguel Cemetery, and returned the service truck to FICELCO.

Criminal complaint for Multiple Attempted Murder and Frustrated Murder were already filed against the group of Ka Marvin with I.S. No. 2003-267 and I.S. No. 2003-268, respectively on November 29, 2003 at the Provincial Prosecution Office, Virac, Catanduanes.