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### **15 COPS IN MULCTING RAPS NOT PDEA AGENTS**

The Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) said the 15 policeman accused of allegedly mulcting arrested drug pushers in Taguig, Metro Manila are not assigned or detailed with the PDEA.

Undersecretary Anselmo S. Avenido Jr., PDEA Director General, issued this clarification as he emphasized that none of the 15 policemen is in any way connected with the PDEA.

Mayor Freddie R. Tinga of Taguig has written to Southern Police District Director Chief Superintendent Jose Gutierrez recommending for their relief and replacement for allegedly mulcting arrested pushers.

"I have already ordered my staff to make proper coordination with Police Chief Supt. Gutierrez to strictly look into the shameful report linking his men to the condemnable illegal drug trade, and we hope for results the earliest possible time", said Avenido.

Tinga recommended to Gutierrez the relief of the following 15 police officers: PO3 Carlos Cachapero, PO3 Edgardo A. Gabuna, PO2 Geronimo F. Clemente, and PO2 Eduardo A. Bautista, reportedly assigned to the PDEA Dragon Group; SPO2 Rodolfo L. Marcelo, SPO2 Pablo J. Agawin Jr., PO2 Ernesto S. Sanchez, PO1 Alfonso H. del Rosario, PO1 Roselle O. Reyel, SPO3 Ferdinand P. Fallaria, SPO4 Marino O. Facunla, PO2 Robert Cahilig, and PO3 Fernando T. Gomboc, assigned to the Group Intelligence Division of Taguig Police Station. Avenido said that there is no such unit as PDEA Dragon Group.

"All these 15 police officers are assigned at Taguig Police Station (PS6), SPDO, and are not in any connected with the PDEA. They are

not our men," Avenido stressed, adding that the PDEA will never tolerate any illegal activity being undertaken by any PDEA personnel.

As this developed, the PDEA chief commended Mayor Tinga for his immediate action against the 15 erring policemen.