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2 IN DRUG WATCHLIST ARRESTED IN SARANGANI, SOUTH COTABATO; SARANGANI SUSPECT IS LEADER OF ROBBERY, CARNAP, KIDNAP GANG

Two drug personalities in the watchlist of the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA), one of them the leader of the Pagal Flores Gang, were arrested in separate operations in Sarangani and South Cotabato.

PDEA Director General Anselmo S. Avenido Jr, said Macapagal Flores y Maulana, leader of the Pagal Flores Gang and listed in the PDEA watchlist, was arrested by joint elements of PDEA 12 and Sarangani PPO during a follow-up operation along the National Highway in Lamba, Sarangani last Saturday (Oct. 11) at 3pm.

PDEA 12 Director PSUPT Efren Alcuizar said the Pagal Flores Gang is engaged in drug trafficking, robbery, hold-up, carnapping, kidnapping, gun for hire activities and piracy. He added that the gang leader has pending criminal cases - robbery with homicide, qualified theft and carnapping - before the provincial prosecutor's office.

The suspect is also tagged as the contact person of the Pentagon and Abu Suffian Kidnap for Ransom Group in the area and was reported to have accommodated a certain alias Commander Mantil, a trusted follower of Pentagon Kidnap for Ransom Group leader Alonto Tahir who initiated the failed abduction on one Jemma Barrientos last October 10.

Meanwhile, elements of PDEA 12 And Koronadal CPS arrested Albert Bendol y Mondes alias Albert, a suspected pusher and listed in the PDEA drug watchlist. Bendol's arrest last Oct. 11 was made possible through a concerned citizen who tipped the policemen that

the suspect, under the influence of dangerous drug, was becoming rowdy and was shouting at the residents of Maranon Village, Barangay Zone 3, Koronadal, South Cotabato.

Confiscated from the suspect was one gram of shabu. During interrogation, the policemen discovered that the suspect is affiliated with the Untal Group, a drug syndicate operating in the area. Cases for violation of Sections 11 (Possession of Dangerous Drugs) and 15 (Use of Dangerous Drugs), Article II of Republic Act 9165, or the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002, has been filed against the suspect.