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BUY-BUST OPERATIONS NET 5 PUSHERS; 167 GRAMS OF SHABU SEIZED

Five suspected drug pushers were arrested by operatives of the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) in separate buy-bust operations that resulted in the confiscation of 167 grams of shabu worth P334,000.

Undersecretary Anselmo S Avenido Jr., PDEA Director General, identified the suspects as Upping Arastam y Jala, Jun Balayan y Indoh, Aida Mohamad y Jamaul, Salha Molok y Sakkam, and Victor Galvez.

Arastam, Balayan, Mohamad and Molok were arrested last Monday (Oct. 27) at 5:30 pm in the vicinity of the public market in Zamboanga City by elements of PDEA Region Office 9. The four yielded 100 grams of shabu worth P200,000 when cornered by the operatives.

Galvez was arrested last Sunday (Oct. 26) at 11:50 pm along National Highway, Sevilla, San Fernando City by elements of PDEA Region Office 1. Confiscated from him were 67 grams of shabu worth P134,000. The illegal drug was placed in 10 plastic sachets.

All five suspects have been charged with violation of Section 5 (Selling of Illegal Drugs), Article II, Republic Act 9165, or the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002.

In another anti-drug operation, a 35-year old pusher who is listed in the PDEA's watchlist was arrested for possessing 280 grams of dried marijuana leaves.

Avenido identified the suspect as Ricardo Cuate y Cardano who was arrested by elements of PDEA Region Office 5 last Saturday (Oct 25) at 11:40 am in a checkpoint in Barangay Bagumbayan, Malinao Albay. Cuate has been charged with violation of RA 9165.