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### **DRUG LEADER OPERATING IN SOUTH COTABATO ARRESTED; 50 GRAMS OF SHABU SEIZED IN URDANETA BUY-BUST**

Elements of the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) in Region 12 arrested the leader of a drug group operating in South Cotabato, while 50 grams of shabu were seized by operatives of PDEA 1 during separate buy-bust operations during the weekend.

In his report to PDEA Director General Anselmo S. Avenido Jr, PDEA 12 Director Police Superintendent Efren Alcuizar identified the drug leader as Pascual Lintag y Celedonio of the Al Lintag Group operating in South Cotabato. Elements of the Koronadal CPS assisted the PDEA operatives during the buy-bust operation.

Celedonio, an alleged pusher and listed in the PDEA drug watch list, was arrested last Saturday (Oct. 18) at 6:30 pm during the buy-bust operation along Zulueta St., Barangay Zone 4, Koronadal City, South Cotabato. Seized from him were eight grams of shabu. Alcuizar said Celedonio got his supply of the illegal drug from Pikit, North Cotabato and Cotabato City.

A case for violation of Section 5 (Selling of Dangerous Drugs) and 11 (Possession of Dangerous Drugs), Article II of Republic Act 9165, or the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002, has been filed against the suspect.

PDEA 1 Director Police Senior Superintendent Antonio J. Valle said the 50 grams of shabu were confiscated from Hakim Ampoan y Barangay and Guimba Bangcola y Diamoaden, both alleged pushers, during a buy-bust operation in Barangay Nancayasan, Urdaneta City, Pangasinan last Friday (Oct. 17) at about 1 pm.

The two suspects have been charged with violation of Section 5 (Selling of Dangerous Drugs), Article II of RA 9165.

Meanwhile, a drug pusher listed in the PDEA drug watchlist and his companion were arrested during a search and seizure operation in Cebu.

PDEA 7 Director Police Senior Superintendent Gaudencio P. Pagaling Jr. identified the suspects as Douglas Dayag y Ortiz, listed in the PDEA watchlist, and his companion Jones Aces Berdida y Biernas. Both suspects were arrested during a search and seizure operation along Maria Clara St., boundary of Poblacion and Palanas, Ronda Cebu last Friday (Oct. 17) at 3:00 pm. The two were arrested on the strength on a search warrant issued by Judge Suerte of RTC Branch 60.

Seized from the suspects were one big sachet containing undetermined amount of shabu, 59 small sachets also containing undetermined amount of shabu, two cal.45 pistols with Serial Nos. 948351 and 386155 containing six and seven live bullets, respectively, and one empty magazine for a cal. 45 pistol.

A cases for violation of Section 11, Article II of RAs 9165 and 8294 has been filed against the two suspects.