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FELLOW INMATE CATCHES DETAINED DRUG GROUP LEADER FOR POSSESSING SHABU

The detained leader of a neutralized drug syndicate was caught by a fellow inmate at the Sorsogon Provincial Jail for possessing shabu.

Police Senior Superintendent Darius M. Tuazon, director of the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) in Region 5, said Romeo Lareza Y Jarlego, leader of the Maorag Drug Group, was caught by fellow prisoner Amancio Garvida for possessing 0.0615 gram of shabu. Garvida is the designated lupon (leader) of the inmates.

For the offense, Tuazon said Lareza was again charged in court for violation of Section 11 (Possession of Dangerous Drug), Article 2 of Republic Act 9165, or the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002.

Tuazon said police and prison authorities are investigating the incident to determine how the drug was sneaked inside the prison.

The Maorag Drug Group is one of the 87old local drug groups neutralized by law enforcement agencies led by the PDEA during the three-month intensified national anti-drug campaign. The group operated in Region 5 (Bicol Region).

In Cebu, elements of the Consolacion Police Station confiscated 132.74 grams of shabu worth P265,480, drug paraphernalia and a Nokia cellphone from a suspected drug pusher listed in the PDEA drug watch list.

