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REGION 3 DRUG GROUP DEALER, COURIER ARRESTED

The leader of a drug syndicate operating in Region 3 and her courier were arrested during a buy-bust operation in Pampanga.

Undersecretary Anselmo S. Avenido Jr., director general of the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA), identified the suspects as Teodora Garcia y Martinez alias Baby, leader of the Baby Group, and Rolando Simbillo y Manalang alias Phytes.

Garcia and Simbillo were immediately arrested by elements of Special Enforcement Service (SES) Team 3 led by Police Inspector Pedro Hernandez after they sold 0.0972 gram of shabu to a police-poser buyer in Lagundi Central, Mexico, Pampanga last Oct. 15.

The Baby Group is one of the 13 remaining drug groups operating in the region.

A case for violation of Section 5 (Selling of Dangerous Drugs) in relation 26(b) (Attempt or Conspiracy - Sale, trading, administration and transportation of any dangerous drug and/or controlled precursor and essential chemical), Article II of Republic Act 9165, or the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002, has been filed against the suspects.

Meanwhile, elements of PDEA Regional Office 3 arrested a suspected pusher last Oct. 17 during a buy-bust operation in Maria Aurora and confiscated 175 grams of dried marijuana fruiting tops and 90 grams of dried marijuana leaves.

Police Senior Inspector Rogelio S. de Vera identified the suspect as Elmer Gabriel y Quiben of Purok Tagumpay, Barangay Diaat, Maria

Aurora. His brother, Edgar escaped when he saw the approaching policemen. Policemen who chased him stumbled on 11 fully grown marijuana plants which they uprooted.

The operating team also confiscated from Elmer a caliber 30 carbine rifle with defaced serial number, one long magazine, three live ammunition, and one airgun converted to caliber 22 rifle with trademark "Estrella Parco".

A case for violation of Section 5, Article II of RA 9165 has been filed against Gabriel, while Edgar was charged for violating Sections 11 and 16, Article II, RA 9165, and RA 8294.