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June 15, 2021

MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Regional Executive Director

MIMAROPA Region

1515 L & S Building, by Roxas Blvd., Ermita, Manila

THRU: The Provincial Environment and

Natural Resources Officer

Sta. Monica, Puerto Princesa City

FROM: The OIC-Community Environment and

Natural Resources Officer

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR POLICE AND PENRO INCIDENT REPORT

OF BIENVENIDO VEGUILLA JR.

In compliance with the memorandum dated June 8, 2021 of Atty. Daniel Darius M. Nicer, CESO III relative to the above subject with enclosures.

In this regard, this Office is forwarding the memorandum report dated June 10, 2021 of Protected Area Superintendent Mildred A. Suza of El Nido- Taytay Managed Resource Protected Area (ENTMRPA) for reference in filing cases in the court.

For information and further instruction.

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June 10, 2021

MEMORANDUM

FOR

The CENR Officer

Taytay, Palawan

FROM

The Protected Area Superintendent

El Nido-Taytay Managed Resource Protected Area

SUBJECT

REQUEST FOR POLICE AND PENRO INCIDENT

REPORT RE: BIENVENIDO VEGUILLA JR.

Submitted herewith are reports from the Police and CENRO Taytay, Palawan regarding the incident on the death of Forest Ranger Bienvenido Veguilla Jr. in line with the request from the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Head Manila Bay Task Force Operations Center dated June 8, 2021.

For information and record.

MILDRED A. SUZA

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EL NIDO MUNICIPAL POLICE STATION El Nido, Palawan



MEMORANDUM

ENMPS-INVES-09042019-01

FOR

: Provincial Director

Palawan Police Provincial Office Tiniguiban, Puerto Princesa City

(Attn: Quad Staff)

FROM

: Officer-In-Charge

SUBJECT : Spot Report on Hacking Incident

DATE

: September 4, 2019

1. What

: Hacking Incident

2. Where : Sitio Kinawangan, Barangay Pasadeña, El Nido, Palawan.

3. When

: September 4, 2019 at about 5:00 PM.

: The victim was identified as Bienvinido "Toto" Severino Veguilla, Jr., 52 years old, married, DENR forest ranger, and a resident of Brgy. Bagong Bayan, El Nido, Palawan. Whereas, the suspects were identified as Cardo "Carding" Ricardo Fernando Fulgencio, Ruel Fulgencio, both residents of Brgy. Pasadeña in his municipality, both at large, Felman Opamin Flores, "Broy" also a resident of Brgy. Pasadena, arrested and four (4) other John Does, at large.

5. Why : Law enforcement operations.

: The DENR Law Enforcement Team 4 of DENR-CENRO Taytay & El Nido office led by the victim and five (5) other park rangers came from Sitio Kagbanaba, Brgy New Ibajay and conducting patrol after they received information on the alleged illegal logging activities in the vicinity of the protected areas in Sitio Kinawangan, Brgy. Pasadeña in this municipality. When the team arrived near the place of incident, they heard a noise of a chain saw and they verified the same in the adjacent forested area. They saw one of the suspects (Carding) while in the act of cutting logs and lumbers using chain saw. Upon noticing the team, the suspect immediately fled and left the chain saw then ran towards his house. The team confiscated the chain saw and decided to bring the same in their office for documentation. They were on their way towards the national highway when the group of the suspects' way laid them armed with bolo and homemade shotgun. Corollary, the victim was cornered by Carding, Ruel, and Felman while the four (4) other cohorts were armed and positioned near the place of incident. Then and there the victim was hacked by one of the suspects (Felman) but the former was able to fire and retaliate towards the latter using his service firearm.

7. The responding personnel of this station arrested one of the suspects (Felman Opamin Flores, "Broy") with a gunshot wound at Sitio Lamoro, Brgy. Pasadeña after positively identified by the witnesses and he was immediately brought to Medical City of El Nido and eventually transferred to Palawan Northern District Hospital in Taytay for wither medical attention. Documentary pieces of evidence are now being prepared for the filing of appropriate cases against the suspect. The Investigator-On-Case is PSSg Fe A Amisola with contact number 09499704242.

8. Progress report will follow.

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Police Major



Republic of the Philippines NATIONAL POLICE COMMISSION Philippine National Police

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MEMORANDUM

FOR

: Provincial Director

Palawan Police Provincial Office

Brgy. Tiniguiban, Puerto Princesa City

(Attn: PALWCPD/C, PIDMB

FROM

: Officer In-Charge, El Nido MPS

SUBJECT

Progress

Report on hacking incident

DATE

: September 5, 2019

1. Reference: Memo from this office (spot report) dated September 04, 2019 subject as above.

2. This pertains to hacking incident that transpired on September 4, 2019 at about 5:00 in the afternoon at So. Kinawangan Brgy. Pasadena El Nido, Palawan. Follow-up investigating team and station's operatives have resulted to the arrest of one of the suspects — identified as Ricardo "Carding" Fulgencio, 49 years old, married, fisherman/farmer and a resident of Brgy. Pasadeña, El Nido Palawan in Brgy. Pasadeña this municipality. In addition to the said operation, the following pieces of evidence were collected/recovered at the balcony of the residence of "Fernan" Broy" Flores but later identified as Felman "Broy" Flores resident of Brgy. Pasadeña El Nido, Palawan one bolo measuring more or less 25 inches from tip to handle.' investigator-on-case is PSSg Fe A Amisola with contact number 09499704242.

3. 4. For information.

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GRACE VIC P GOMBA

Police Major Officer In-Chare



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El Nido, Palawan



MEMORANDUM

ENMPS-Inves-2019

FOR

: Officer-In-Charge

El Nido MPS

FROM

: Investigator-On-Case

SUBJECT

: Investigation Report on Hacking Incident

DATE

: September 05, 2019

I. AUTHORITY:

1. Reference: Blotter entry no.2919-09-117794

2. As per verbal instruction from the Officer-In Charge;

3. Standard operation Procedure;

II. MATTERS INVESTIGATED:

4. Hacking Incident transpired on September 4, 2019 at about 5:00 in the afternoon at Sitio Kinawagan, Barangay Pasadeña, El Nido Palawan;

5. To determine the identity of the suspects and its motive; and

7. To determine the criminal liabilities of the suspects and to know the premises surrounding this particular incident.

III. FACTS OF THE CASE:

- 8. At around 5:00 in the afternoon of September 4, 2019 a law enforcement operations led by Forest Ranger (FR) Mr. Bienvenido "Toto" Severino Veguilla, victim and (five) 5 members from the DENR law enforcement team 4 of DENR-CENRO Taytay and El Nido conducted illegal logging operations at Sitio Kinawangan, Brgy. Pasadena, EL Nido Palawan.
- 9. That the said operation resulted to the apprehension one (1) unit of Chainsaw which was caught inflagrante in the possession, custody, control and use of cutting logs and lumbers by one Mr. Ricardo Fernando Fulgencio A.k.a "Carding" and John Doe (unidentified).
- 10. That at about 5:30 in the afternoon, one reporting person named, Arnel Delin, DENR park ranger personally appeared to this office informing that that there was a hacking incident transpired at Sitio Kinawangan, Barangay Pasedeña El Nido, Palawan. Whereas, at 5:35 in the afternoon the team led by PSSg Jimbry Golez with 6 personnel of this office under supervision of the undersigned, responded to the aforementioned place to verify the said incident.
- 11. According to initial information gathered by this office, it reveals that when DENR Law enforcement team arrived near the place of incident while conducting patrol from Brgy New Ibajay, they heard a noise of a chainsaw and as they verified the same in the adjacent forested area, they saw one of the suspects (Carding) while in the act of cutting logs and lumbers using chainsaw. Then and there, the said suspect immediately fled and left the chain saw and ran towards a house.

pointed their weapon towards them and chased the victims. At that point, a.k.a "Felman" hacked the victim when he fell on the ground but latter still manage to retaliate using firearm wherein the former succumbed a gunshot wound.

- 13. Responding officers were able to arrest one of the suspects (Felman Flores) with a gunshot wound at Sitio Lamoro, Brgy. Pasadena after being identified by the witnesses. Hence, he was immediately brought to medical city of El nido and later transferred to Palawan Northern District Hospital in Taytay Palawan for further medication. Later, said suspect was again transferred to Ospital Ng Palawan in Puerto Princesa City to undergo medical operation.
- 14. In addition, follow-up investigating team and station's operatives had conducted indepth investigation and hot pursuit operations which resulted in the arrest of Ricardo "Carding" Fulgencio in Brgy. Pasadeña in this municipality. A bolo with a blood stain used in the incident was recovered. Follow-up investigation revealed and resulted in the confiscation of two (2) chainsaw, its paraphernalia and fresh cut and uncut sawn lumbers.

IV. DISCUSSION.

- 15. It is gleaned in the above-mentioned facts and circumstances, that the law enforcement operation of DENR-CENRO Law Enforcement Team 4 led by the victim and five (5) park rangers was a legitimate operation in response to various tips and information they had received from their informants.
- 16. The killing of the victim was feloniously and maliciously made by the suspects being previously subjected for casing and surveillance operations on their involvement in illegal logging activities in the said barangay.
- 17. Meanwhile, the arrest of the suspects was deemed legal and within the context of the rules on criminal procedures.

V. CONCLUSION:

18. After a careful perusal surrounding this particular incident, probable cause exists that the herein suspects are criminally liable, hence, cases of murder, attempted murder, violation of PD 705 and RA 9175 be filed against the them.

VI. RECOMMENDATION:

19. Recommended that the case for the above felony and violations be filed against the suspects before the Office of the Provincial Prosecutor Puerto Princesa City.

FE ALONTE AMISOLA
Police Staff Sergeant
Investigator-On-Case



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(Police Blotter)

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that as per record in our Police Blotter the following are properly recorded

to wit;						
Blotter entry Nr.	2019-17826, 2019-09-17827					
Nature of Offense:	Hot Pursuits operations					
TDPO	September 07, 2019 12:15 pm at Sitio Binuan Brgy. Villa Libertad El Nido, Palawan.					
Facts of the case:	Team led by PCpl tenorio, PCpl Meregillano, PCpl Salvador and two witness tourist police left this station to conduct Hot pursuit operation, Murder case, hot pursuit/follow up operations regarding hacking incident at sitio Kinawangan Brgy. Pasadeña El Nido, Palawan. Returnes to this office with positive result one Dexter Bertolo Sumlague, 35 years old, male, carpenter and a resident of Sitio Binuan Brgy. Villa Libertad El Nido, Palawan. One suspects re hacking incident transpired on September 04, 2019 at about 5:00 in the afternoon he was arrested by these personnel of this station and property turn over for proper disposition.					
	NOTHINGS FOLLOWS ************************************					

Prepared by:

Fe A misola
Police Staff Sergeant
Investigator

Noted by:

GRACE VIC P GOMBA

Police Major Officer In Charge



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EXCERPT BLOTTER (Police Blotter)

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that as per record in our Police Blotter the following are properly recorded

to wit;					
Blotter entry Nr.	2019-09-17832 and 2019-09-17833				
Nature of Offense:	Hot Pursuits operations				
TDPO	September 07, 2019 00 pm at Sitio Kinawangan Brgy. Pasadeña Nido, Palawan.				
Facts of the case:	Received phone call from informant informing that one of the suspect of hacking incident was spotted at Sitio Kinawangan Brgy. Pasadeña Nido In connection with blotter entry no. 2019-09-17833 and 2019-09-17832, personnel of this station under supervision of PMAJ Gomba proceed to the area for possible arrest of the suspect. In relation with blotter entry no. 2019-09-17833, same personnel returned this station with positive result and arreste of one (1) welmer Suligon, 41 years old, farmer, with livein partner and a resident of Sitio Kinawangar Brgy. Pasadena El Nido, Palawan. NOTHINGS FOLLOWS				

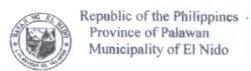
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Investigator

Noted by:

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Police Major
Officer In-Charge



MUNICIPAL HEALTH OFFICE

PMF# 2019-09-015

September 5, 2019

Name: BIENVENIDO S. VEGUILLA, JR., 52 years old, male, married, from Barangay Bagong

Bayan, El Nido, Palawan

Informant: ELOISA F. VEGUILLA (Wife)

Date of incident: September 4, 2019 Time of incident: Around 5:00pm

Place of incident: So. Kinawangan, Barangay Pasadeña, El Nido, Palawan

Date of Autopsy: September 4, 2019

Time of Autopsy: 7:20pm

Place of Autopsy: Municipal Health Office, El Nido, Palawan

POST-MORTEM FINDINGS

- Hacked wound, approximately 18.0cm x 5.0cm x 10.5cm cutting through the parietal bone, facial bone and muscles, to the occiput, exposing part of the brain and almost avulsing right side of head.
- 2. Hacked wound, approximately 12.0cm, cutting through the small finger bones and muscles and part of the wrist almost detaching said part.
- 3. Incised wound, approximately 1.5cm x 3.0cm, elbow, left.
- 4. Incised wound, approximately 2.0cm, lateral aspect, elbow, left.

CAUSE OF DEATH:

1. Wound #1.

MARIAN MARELUCIO, MD.

Municipal Health Officer

OR No. :

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EL NIDO MUNICIPAL POLICE STATION



El Nido, Palawan

MEMORANDUM

ENMPS-INVES-09072019-01

FOR

: Provincial Director

Palawan Police Provincial Office Tiniguiban, Puerto Princesa City

(Attn: Quad Staff)

FROM

: Officer-In-Charge

SUBJECT: Progress Report on hot pursuit operation that resulted to the arrest of One DEXTER

BERTOLO SUMALAGUE

DATE

: September 07, 2019

1. What

: Hot pursuit operation

2. Where

: Sitio, Lublub, Barangay Pasadeña, El Nido, Palawan.

3. When

: September 07, 2019 at about 12;15 in the afternoon.

: One Dexter Bertolo Sumalague, 35 years old, born on September 28, 1983, 4. Who male, carpenter and a resident of Sitio Binuan Brgy. Villa Libertad El Nido, Palawan.

: Follow-up operations. 5. Why

: This station received information from the informant that one of the suspects on hacking incident was spotted at Sitio Lublub, Brgy. Paadena El Nido, Palawan, in that juncture personnel of this office immediately responded to said report and conducted hot pursuit operation in connection on Hacking incident that transpired on September 04, 2019 at about 5:00 in the afternoon at sitio Kinawangan Brgy. Pasadeña El Nido, Palawan. As the result thereof, said suspect was arrested at about 12;15 in the afternoon by the personnel of this office after the former was positively identified by the witnesses in this particular case and he is now under the custody of this station and subject for inquest proceeding before the office of the provincial prosecutor in puerto princesa city while documentary evidence for murder are now being prepared against the suspect. The Investigator-On-Case is PSSg Fe Amisola with contact number 09499704242.

7. Final report will follow.

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Police Major



Republic of the Philippines NATIONAL POLICE COMMISSION Philippine National Police, Police Regional Office MIMAROPA Palawan Police Provincial Office EL NIDO MUNICIPAL POLICE STATION El Nido, Palawan



MEMORANDUM

ENMPS-INVES-09072019-01

FOR

: Provincial Director

Palawan Police Provincial Office Tiniguiban, Puerto Princesa City

(Attn: Quad Staff)

FROM

: Officer-In-Charge

SUBJECT

: Progress Report on hot pursuit operation that resulted to the arrest of One

WELMER SULIGON JUANCHO

DATE

: September 07, 2019

What : Murder case, hot pursuit/follow up operations

2. Where : Sitio, Kinawangan Brgy. Pasadena El Nido, Palawan.

3. When : September 07, 2019 at about 9:00 in the evening

 Who : One Welmer Suligon Juancho, 41 years old, farmer, and a resident of Brgy. Pasadena El Nido, Palawan.

 Why : Murder case, hot pursuit/follow up operations in conection to hacking incident that transpired on September 04,2019 at about 5:00 in the afternoon.

6. HOW: this station received phone call from the informant informing that one of the suspects of hacking incident was spotted at Sitio Kinawangan Brgy. Pasadena El Nido, Palawan in that juncture personnel of this office, under supervisions of PMAJ GRACE VIC P GOMBA proceed to the area for possible arrest the suspect, that about 9:00 in the evening September 07,2019 suspect arrested after positively identified by the witness. IOC Fe A Amisola 09499704242.

7. Final report will follow.

GRACE VIC P GOMBA

Police Major



Republic of the Philippines NATIONAL POLICE COMMISSION

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El Nido, Palawan



MEMORANDUM

ENMPS-Inves-2019

FOR

: Officer-In-Charge

El Nido MPS

FROM

: Investigator-On-Case

SUBJECT

: Investigation Report on Hacking Incident

DATE

: September 07, 2019

I. AUTHORITY:

Reference: Blotter entry no.2019-17826,2016-09-17827 and 2019-09-17833, 2019-09-17834

As per verbal instruction from the Officer-In Charge; and

3. Order of hot pursuit, continuous follow-up investigation & manhunt operations from the OIC: and

4. Standard Police Operational Procedures.

II. MATTERS INVESTIGATED:

Murder case, hot pursuit/follow up operations at about 9:00 in the evening September 07, 2019 at Sitio, Kinawangan Brgy. Villa libertad El Nido, Palawan.

Manhunt/Hot pursuit operations on or about 12:15 in the evening at Sitio Lublub

Brgy. Villa Libertad El Nido, Palawan.

To determine the identity of the asarge suspects as John Does on the recent criminal complaint and its motive; and

7. To determine the criminal liabilities of the suspects and to know the premises surrounding this particular incident.

III. FACTS OF THE CASE:

7. This station launched a manhunt, continuous follow-up investigation & hot pursuit operations against the culprits who are still at large of the hacking incident against Bienvenido S Veguilla, Jr. of DENR. received phone call from the informant informing that one of the suspects of hacking incident was spotted at Sitio Kinawangan Brgy. Pasadena El Nido, Palawan in that juncture personnel of this office proceeded to the area to confirm and validate said information and for the possible arrest of the suspect.

8 In that juncture personnel of this office immediately responded to said report while in the conduct of manhunt/hot pursuit operation in connection on the Hacking incident that transpired on September 04, 2019 at about 5:00 in the afternoon at sitio Kinawangan Brgy. Pasadeña El Nido, Palawan. As the result thereof, said suspect was arrested identified as One Dexter Bertolo Sumalague, 35 years old, born on September 28, 1983, male, carpenter and a resident of Sitio Binyan Brgy. Villa Libertad El Nido, Palawan.

9. For our continuing and no lift up manhunt/hot pursuit operations on Murder case, that transpired at around 5:00 in the afternoon of September 4, 2019 at Sitio Kinawangan Rray Pacadena El Nido Dalawan Whorein victim identified as Mr Diamonida "Tata"

Nido, Palawan.who was one of the suspects at about 9:00 in the evening at Sitio Lublub Brgy. Pasadena El Nido, Palawan.

IV. DISCUSSION.

- 10. It is gleaned in the above-mentioned facts and circumstances, that the law enforcement operation of DENR-CENRO Law Enforcement Team 4 led by the victim and five (5) park rangers was a legitimate operation in response to various tips and information they had received from their informants.
- 11. The killing of the victim was feloniously and maliciously made by the suspects being previously subjected for casing and surveillance operations on their involvement in illegal logging activities in the said barangay.
- 12. Meanwhile, the arrest of the suspects was deemed legal and within the context of the rules on criminal procedures. The responding personnel, investigator and operatives had exerted efforts while in the conduct of continuing manhunt/hot pursuit operations based from verified information from the informant and informer in the field.

V. CONCLUSION:

13. After a careful perusal surrounding this particular incident, probable cause exists that the herein suspects are criminally liable, hence, cases of murder be filed against them.

VI. RECOMMENDATION:

14. Recommended that the cases for the above felony and violations be filed against the suspects before the Office of the Provincial Prosecutor Puerto Princesa City.

FE ALONTE AMISOLA
Police Staff Sergeant
Investigator-On-Case



Republic of the Philippines Department of Environment and Natural Resources Region IV- MIMAROPA COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICE 5312 Taytay, Palawan

> September 4, 2019 10:06 PM

MEMORANDUM

FOR

The Regional Executive Director

DENR MIMAROPA Region

Thru the Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Officer-Palawan

FROM

The Community Environment and Natural Resources Officer

SUBJECT : SPOT INCIDENT REPORT ON THE DEATH OF FOREST RANGER

BIENVENIDO D. VEGUILLA, JR

With due respect, please be notified of the death today of Forest Ranger Bienvenido D. Veguilla, Jr during the fieldwork in Pasadena, El Nido, Palawan. He was stricken with bolo in the head, arm and other parts of the body by the suspect. The encounter followed after the apprehension of a unit of chainsaw in the same place (Pasadena). Veguilla, Jr was joined in the fieldwork by Forest Ranger Jenuel P. Casel, Forest Extension Officer Herson Y. Caliao, ENTMRPA Park Ranger Marvin G. Flamiano, ENTMRPA Park Ranger Godensio D. Caber, and ENTMRPA Park Ranger Norlito P. Jongay.

The group conducted an inspection over an NGP (National Greening Program) Project in Barangay New Ibajay (El Nido) and on their way home, the group heard the sound of chainsaw in operation in Barangay Pasadena that they located and found on actual slicing into lumber of illegally cut forest trees. The group was able to take the chainsaw with them but just about a hundred meters away from the apprehension scene, about four (4) men chased them with the bolo. As of the moment, only one suspect was identified in the name of Fernan Flores alias Roy. The incident (encounter) happened around or between 4:00 o' clock in the afternoon to 5:00 o' cock in the afternoon. The firearm of Veguilla, Jr is missing and his personal cellphone. The group was able to take video shots and geotagged photos during the apprehension but none during the encounter. The chainsaw also is missing from the crime scene. The rest of the group of Veguilla, Jr. scattered during the encounter as they have no defensive weapons whatsoever.

The suspect Flores was accordingly brought to the hospital escorted by policemen because he sustained a gunshot. Attached are pictures during the apprehension. Follow through reports will be submitted.

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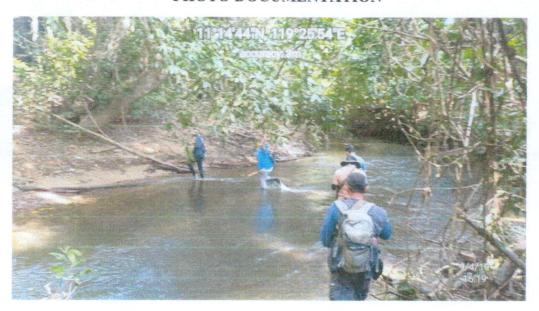
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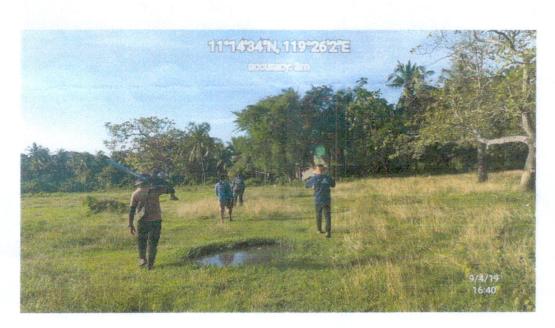
El Nido-Taytay Managed Resource Protected Area

El Nido, Palawan

PHOTO DOCUMENTATION



The team heading to the area where the chainsaw was heard



The group of Veguilla, Jr. (in front) on their way home with the apprehended chainsaw

Republic of the Philippines
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Region IV- MIMAROPA

OFFICE OF THE PROTECTED AREA SUPERINTENDENT

El Nido-Taytay Managed Resource Protected Area

El Nido, Palawan



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Following the murder of a forest ranger by suspected illegal loggers in Palawan province, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) on Thursday renewed its call for Congress to craft a law that would allow the agency's enforcement personnel, particularly those who face threats from environmental criminals on a daily basis, to be armed with guns.

Environment Undersecretary Benny Antiporda said the agency was "hurt" over the news of the killing of Bienvinido Veguilla Jr., 44, a forest ranger assigned to the Community Environment and Natural Resources Office of El Nido town, on Wednesday afternoon.

"It really hurt us to hear that something like this had happened again," he told the Inquirer on Thursday. "We are calling on our legislators and concerned government agencies to consider arming our frontline DENR officers."

Guns for Palawan rangers

In a telephone interview on Thursday, Henry Adornado, DENR regional director in Mimaropa (Mindoro, Marinduque, Romblon, Palawan), said Environment Secretary Roy Cimatu and Palawan Gov. Jose Alvarez in June signed an agreement for the purchase of 150 shotguns to be issued to forest rangers in Palawan.

He said the agencies were still working on the guidelines but the guns should be available by October.

"It's just unfortunate that this happened [before the issuance of guns]," he

Veguilla was actually carrying his own .45-caliber gun when attacked by six suspected illegal loggers.



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Adornado said Veguilla and five other rangers had just patrolled the forests in Barangay Pasadeña when they heard the whirring of chainsaws, "They followed the sound and there they found [the illegal loggers]," he said.

He said the suspects scampered away, prompting Veguilla's team to confiscate the tools and the cut lumber.

The forest rangers were on their way back to their office when the suspects, armed with a bolo and an improvised shotgun, returned

"They were cornered. Some [were positioned] behind them while the others were in front of them," Adornado said.

The rangers ran toward different directions but Veguilla was hacked from behind. Veguilla was able to shoot one of the suspects, Fernan Flores, in the abdomen but he was again hacked in the head. Veguilla died on site.

Police arrested the wounded Flores and another suspect, Gerardo Fulgencio. Authorities were hunting four other suspects.

Adornado said they recovered about 1,000 board feet of wood products that the loggers left behind. The police also recovered two chainsaws and the bolo that was used to kill Veguilla.

Seeking justice

Adornado condemned the attack while Veguilla's colleagues at the DENR sought justice.

"[Veguilla] was a very simple man; never complained [about his job]," said Nilo Ramoso, a former colleague of Veguilla's in El Nido.

Ramoso, who is now with the DENR central office, said Veguilla started as a contractual DENR employee in the early 1990s, before El Nido was declared a government protected area.

Veguilla, according to Ramoso, was dedicated to his job and was active in patrolling Palawan's forests and waters for violators of environmental laws.

This was not the first of such attack against DENR enforcement personnel.



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In September 2017, Ruben Arzaga, barangay chair of Villa Libertad and member of the El Nido-Taytay Managed Resource Protected Area board, was shot and killed while he was arresting suspected illegal loggers at Sitio Batbat.

In August that year, government forester Lito Eyala was shot and wounded by a suspected timber poacher while his team was patrolling the mountains of Barangay Bacungan in Puerto Princesa City.

The attacks against DENR personnel had then prompted Cimatu to consider the possibility of arming environmental patrollers. A former chief of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, Cimatu also said that he would ask the military and the police to train foresters in security protocols and firearm

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