



Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Environment and Natural Resources  
**PROVINCIAL ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICE**  
MIMAROPA Region

March 25, 2022

**MEMORANDUM**

**FOR** : The Acting Secretary  
Department of Environment and Natural resources  
Visayas Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City

**THRU** : The Regional Executive Director  
1515 L&S Bldg., Roxas Blvd.,  
Ermita, Manila

**ATT'N** : The Chief, Legal Division

**FROM** : The OIC, PENR Officer

**SUBJECT** : **COMPLAINT OF MRS. TERESITA F. DAVID-O'BRIEN  
VERSUS ANASTACIO SANTOS**

Respectfully forwarded herewith the received five (5) pages document on the above subject which involved a complaint for SG-24 official.

For information and appropriate action.

  
**ERNESTO E. TAÑADA**

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES**  
PROVINCIAL ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICE  
MAMBURAO, OCCIDENTAL MINDORO

**TERESITA F. DAVID-O'BRIEN,**  
Complainant,

-versus-

Administrative Case No. \_\_\_\_\_

For: **Misconduct and Conduct  
Unbecoming of a Public Official**

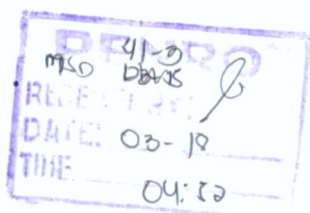
**ANASTACIO SANTOS,**  
Respondent.

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## COMPLAINT

**COMPLAINANT TERESITA F. DAVID-O'BRIEN**, unto this Honorable Office, respectfully avers that:

1. The Complainant is of legal age, Filipino, married, and a resident of Barangay Payompon, Mamburao, Occidental Mindoro.
2. The Respondent is of legal age, Filipino, married, and the present Community Environment and Natural Resources Officer of Sablayan, Occidental Mindoro with office address at Barangay Sto. Niño, Sablayan, Occidental Mindoro, where notices and processes of this Honorable Office may be served.
3. The Complainant is the registered owner of a parcel of land located in Sitio Lagundian, Barangay Balansay, Mamburao, Occidental Mindoro measuring 4,455 square meters and covered by Katibayan ng Orihinal na Titulo Blg. CARP2017000094. A copy of the said title is attached and marked as Annex "**A**" hereof.
4. As such registered owner, she was invited verbally by Engr. Eric Custodio in representation of Respondent Anastacio Santos, Community Environment and Natural Resources Officer (CENRO) of Sablayan, Occidental Mindoro, for an alleged ocular inspection of the property.



2. Other reliefs that this Honorable Office may deem just and equitable under the circumstances.

Mamburao, Occidental Mindoro, March 14, 2022.

  
**TERESITA F. DAVID-O'BRIEN**  
Complainant

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES)  
PROVINCE OF OCCIDENTAL MINDORO) S.S.  
MUNICIPALITY OF MAMBURAO)

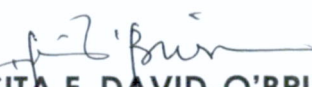
**VERIFICATION AND CERTIFICATION OF**  
**NON-FORUM SHOPPING**

I, **TERESITA F. DAVID-O'BRIEN**, of legal age, Filipino, married and a resident of Barangay Payompon, Mamburao, Occidental Mindoro, subscribing under oath, hereby depose and state that:

1. I am the Complainant in the above-captioned administrative case and I have caused for the preparation of the same;
2. I have read the foregoing Complaint and the allegations therein are true and correct of my own personal knowledge and/or based on authentic records and documents on hand, and I attest to the authenticity of the exhibits thereof;
3. The instant pleading is not filed to harass, cause unnecessary delay, or needlessly increase the cost of litigation;
4. The factual allegations therein have evidentiary support or, if specifically so identified, will likewise have evidentiary support after a reasonable opportunity for discovery;
5. I have not commenced any other action or proceeding involving the same issues in the Supreme Court, the Court of Appeals, or different Divisions thereof, or any other tribunal or agency;
6. No such action or proceeding is pending in the Supreme Court, the Court of Appeals, or different Divisions thereof, or any other tribunal or agency; and


7. If I should learn that a similar action or proceeding has been filed or is pending before the Supreme Court, the Court of Appeals, or different Divisions thereof, or any other tribunal or agency, I hereby undertake to notify this Honorable Court within five (5) calendar days from such notice.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022 in Mamburao, Occidental Mindoro.

  
**TERESITA F. DAVID-O'BRIEN**  
DL D47-21-000925

**SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN** to before me on the \_\_\_\_ day of MAR 17 2022, in Mamburao, Occidental Mindoro, the affiant exhibiting to me her identification card provided under her name.

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Community Environment and Natural Resources Officer  
CENRO, Sablayan, Occidental Mindoro

staring at me, unprofessionally stated in public that "Ang naging papel ko ay janitor at hindi CENRO dahil nilinis ko ang iniwang dumi ng dating CENRO." And the Respondent's last blow and threat to the complainant was "Kaya kong ipa-nullify ang title mo!"

10. Respondent Santos' actuations by subjecting the complainant to humiliation, calling her by her last name "David" and uttering statements insinuating that she acquired the property illegally, in front of and within the hearing distance of several people speak most of his unprofessionalism and lack of respect for his office's clients, in violation of the Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards for Public Officials and Employees (RA 6713). Thus, Respondent failed to uphold professionalism required of him as a public servant.
11. The Respondent failed to recognize that holding an esteemed position in the government is never a license to act capriciously with full freedom and liberty, therefore, he must be directed to conduct himself in a manner that is composed and befits a public official who officially deals with people. Also as the saying goes, "to be worthy of respect, one must act respectably and that courtesy begets courtesy."
12. Indeed, the Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards for Public Officials and Employees (RA 6713) enunciates the State policy of promoting a high standard of ethics and utmost responsibility in the public service. Section 4 (c) of the said Code commands that public officials and employees shall at all times respect the rights of others, and shall refrain from doing acts contrary to law, good morals, good customs, public policy, public order, public safety and public interest.
13. In the light of the foregoing, Respondent Santos, by his actuation, failed to live up to such standard. Accordingly, Respondent must be held liable for misconduct and conduct unbecoming a public official for violating the Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards for Public Officials and Employees (RA 6713).

### **PRAYER**

**WHEREFORE**, premises considered, it is most respectfully prayed before this Honorable Office that a judgment be rendered ordering:

1. Respondent Anastacio Santos administratively liable for misconduct and conduct unbecoming of a public official and that the corresponding penalties be imposed upon him.

5. However, when the complainant arrived at the property on the specified date and time, she was surprised to learn that it was not a mere ocular inspection of the property but a meeting among stakeholders (other property owners) who are parties to on-going disputes relating to a land surrounding her property, particularly the land dispute between Romal Tria and Allan Recio.
6. In the said meeting, little did the complainant know that she will be subjected to questioning by Respondent Santos about her subject property. What is worse, Respondent Santos even insinuated that the complainant acquired the property improperly and illegally through her brother-in-law Engr. Caesar Quebec who was the previous Community Environment and Natural Resources Officer whom Respondent Santos replaced. This verbal insinuation was within the hearing distance of other persons also present in the meeting. In the said meeting, Respondent Santos also claimed that complainant could not have acquired the property because she was abroad at the time of acquisition, not bearing in mind that acquisition of property in the Philippines can be consummated even in circumstances where a Filipino buyer is outside of the country. Such actions of Respondent not only tarnished the good name of the complainant but likewise deprived her of an opportunity to properly prepare and provide evidence against the insinuations.
7. For the record, the complainant acquired the property in a legal manner way back June 21, 2006 from Mr. Jeremy Medina. A copy of a Deed of Relinquishment of Rights is attached herewith as Annex "B". The said parcel of land was registered under the complainant's name on October 17, 2016 under Katibayan ng Orihinal na Titulo Blg. CARP2017000094.
8. It became clear to the complainant that she was invited under false pretenses, without formal notice and proper briefing of the meeting's agenda. Complainant was asked to be at So. Lagundian at 9:00 o'clock in the morning, however, Respondent Santos arrived at 11:00 o'clock in the morning without any explanation for his delay. Upon alighting his vehicle, he went straight to the complainant who greeted him "good morning", and his arrogant response was "ikaw ba si David?". To avoid any unpleasant mood, complainant merely answered, "dati po akong David, ngayon po I am now Mrs. O'Brien."
9. Respondent bombarded the complainant with unpleasant remarks and accusations stating that "Yung pinag-aawayan na lupa ni Recio at Tria, baka nakuha ni David". He even added, "Yang si David, at iba diyan bakit nagkatitulo? Gaano kalakas ang impluwensya ng mga yan bakit sila nagkatitulo?" Respondent, while