



Republic of the Philippines  
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September 7, 2023

**MEMORANDUM**

**FOR** : **UNDERSECRETARY MARILOU G. ERNI**  
DENR 8888 Citizen's Complaint Hotline

**FROM** : The CENR Officer

**SUBJECT** : **TICKET REFERENCE NO. W20230902-843-3**  
**RE:** Alleged Inaction of Community Environmental and Natural Resources Officer (CENRO) Sablayan, Occidental Mindoro Relative to Filed Complaint

This is the reply to the 8888 citizen's complaint hotline with ticket reference no. W20230902-843-3. The complaint of a certain Teresita D. Obrien dated March 14, 2022 was already answered through a memorandum sent to DENR Secretary Honorable Ma. Antonia "Toni" Yulo-Loyzaga dated December 20, 2022 (*See the attached Memorandum*).

The allegations of Ms. Obrien that there was a lack of action taken by the undersigned were not true and correct.

In lieu of this, since there was already an answer made by the undersigned, it is respectfully prayed that the complaint be **DISMISSED**.

For your information and guidance.

  
**FORESTER ANASTACIO A. SANTOS, MPA**  
CENR Officer

**cc: Ms. Teresita D. Obrien**  
Manor Court, National Road, Payompon, Mamburao, Occidental Mindoro

**The Regional Executive Director**  
DENR-MIMAROPA Region

**The PENR Officer**  
Mamburao, Occidental Mindoro



December 20, 2022

## **MEMORANDUM TO THE SECRETARY**

**THRU** : The Undersecretary for Legal, Administration, Human Resources and Legislative Affairs

**FROM** : The Community Environment and Natural Resources Officer  
Sablayan, Occidental Mindoro

**SUBJECT** : **COMPLAINT FILED BY TERESITA F. DAVID-O'BRIEN  
AGAINST CENRO ANASTACIO SANTOS FOR  
MISCONDUCT AND CONDUCT OF UNBECOMING OF  
A PUBLIC OFFICIAL**

This is in relation to the Memorandum of Regional Executive Director Lormelyn E. Claudio, CESO IV dated July 29, 2022, regarding the verified complaint of Ms. Teresita F. David-O'Brien, dated March 14, 2022, against the undersigned for misconduct and conduct of unbecoming of a public official.

A group of people from So. Lagundian, Barangay Balansay, Mamburao, Occidental Mindoro requested the undersigned to help and assist them in acquiring legal titles for their claimed lots in So. Lagundian. Each of them is claiming a portion of the subject land under Survey No. CAD 1296-D, Case 9.

On February 21, the undersigned scheduled a meeting with the people of So. Lagundian on which Mr. Teresita F. David-O'Brien failed to attend. During the said meeting, according to Engr. Eric Christian Custodio, the issuance of their titles was hampered due to their existing conflict as to the actual positions of their acquired lots. It appears that their actual positions are different from the technical description of Survey No. CAD 1296-D, Case 9.

However, to my surprise, in spite of the existing conflict, two individuals successfully acquired their land titles, one of which is Ms. Teresita F. David-O'Brien, sister-in-law of CENRO Caesar E. Quebec. When asked, the attendees of the meeting were also surprised that Ms. David already acquired a title over her lot. According to them, they were not aware of her existence not until they saw her name on the survey map. The survey map was also measured without informing the claimants. It was also approved without them exercising their right to review. Allegedly they also submitted a memorandum addressed to the Regional Office to correct the survey map.

On March 1, 2022, a second meeting was conducted. It was attended by the undersigned, Engr. Eric Christian Custodio, LMO Honeyleth Tinamisan and LMI





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Ma. Menchie Quinones together with the people of So. Lagundian, including Ms. David.

According to Ms. David, she bought the said lot to a certain Mr. Medina in 2006 and its title was processed by her brother-in-law, the then CENR Officer Engr. Caesar E. Quebec. One of the claimants, Mr. Romal Tria, also stated that back then they thought that it's Engr. Quebec who owns Ms. David's property because they always see him visiting the area.

As the land was already divided among them, I concluded that there will be no problem aside from that of Ms. David, Ms. Collantes and Ms. Villaflores. Apparently, the titled area of Ms. David encroached a portion of that of Ms. Collantes and Ms. Villaflores. During the said meeting, Ms. David expressed her willingness to give Ms. Collantes and Ms. Villaflores the said portion through a deed of sale.

This was what really transpired during the two meetings. The meetings were called not even to question the titled issued in favor of Ms. David despite of it being questionable, but to respond to the request of the people of Lagundian. The meetings were done in the performance of my duty as a CENR Officer of CENRO Sablayan.

The indictments that I uttered words that tainted her good name are just false accusations. I never uttered any words that insinuates that she acquired her property improperly and illegally through her brother-in-law. She's the one who stated that because she's abroad, she issued a SPA in favor of her brother-in-law that includes the buying of property and titling of the said property. That action of the then CENRO Quebec, in the first place, was a conduct unbecoming of a public official. There's already an existing conflict of interest there, and that will result in the people's loss of trust and confidence in the government. It was evident during the meetings we conducted, that the people from So. Lagundian were disheartened by the open display of abuse of power of the previous CENRO.

I was not surprised that this complaint wants me to be held administratively liable. This is a deliberate attack to tarnish my reputation as the new CENRO of Sablayan. From my first day as CENRO of Sablayan, up until now, I am discovering numerous problems accounted to the past administration. Again, in fixing these kinds of problems, I know I will not get the favor of everyone, especially those who benefitted from such wrongdoings.

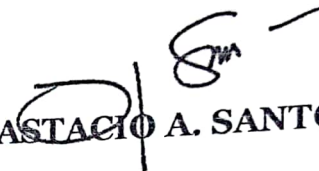
There were already several reports submitted to the Regional Office by the undersigned regarding the past actions that happened under the watch of the then CENRO but up until now, no recommendations and resolutions were made.

As a public official, I will always remain true to the people and our organization and I will never do anything contrary to the law that will tarnish my image.



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For your information and record.

  
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