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COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICE National Road, Brgy. Sto. Nino, Sablayan, Occidental Mindoro E-mail: cenrosablayan@denr.gov.ph

August 17, 2023

MEMORANDUM

FOR

DIRECTOR JOE-MAR S. PEREZ, MPA, MDRR

Head, DENR Action Center/Hotline 8888

FROM

The CENR Officer

SUBJECT

PACE-CAM-08-07-2023-040

Reklamo kay Mr. Anastacio A. Santos, CENRO Sablayan, Occidental Mindoro

The aforementioned subject of this letter was already replied to by the undersigned in a letter to Mr. Fredderick Urbano dated August 11, 2023 (attached). His allegations in the complaint were answered properly and the acts shown intend to besmirch the reputation of the undersigned.

Regarding the other documents, the complaint dated March 31, 2020 filed against the undersigned by Pola Municipal Police Station was dismissed already by the Provincial Prosecutor's Office of Oriental Mindoro. A copy of the dismissal was sent to DENR-MIMAROPA Regional Executive Director. Further, as far as I can recall, I was also asked by Assistant Secretary Michelle Angelica D. Go to explain in writing of same subject matter and my explanation was sent as instructed.

In the letter of Reynante S. Luna of NCIP, Oriental Mindoro, the undersigned was not furnished a copy of the said letter. Therefore, the then DENR – CENR Officer, Socorro, Oriental Mindoro, has no documents to act or respond to its explanation. Further, the undersigned just defend DENR in the said meeting because Mr. Luna is insisting to the IP Iraya of Puerto Galera that DENR is the number one (1) violator of IPRA law which I reacted and contestingly denied.

Again, Mr. Urbano's letter is a mere invention of pure lies and maliciously designed to destroy the integrity of the undersigned. Maybe there's a group of dishonest men and unscrupulous loggers formed, aiming to oust the CENR Officer in Sablayan because the latter is an obstruction in their illegal activities in the area.

Now, the undersigned challenges these illegal loggers to prove their complaint in proper court or tribunal by adducing significant and authentic evidence not fabricated or obtained in unlawful acts because the undersigned is questioning the credibility of their derived pieces of evidence if properly given by the concerned office as to its authenticity.

Under Rule 128 (General Provisions) Section 3 of the 2019 Revised Rules on Evidence (Administrative Matter 19-08-15 Supreme Court), to wit:

"Section 3. Admissibility of evidence. – Evidence is admissible when it is relevant to the issue and not excluded by the Constitution, the law or these Rules."

"Also, the *Exclusionary Rule Principle* states that evidence obtained from an illegal arrest, unreasonable search or coercive investigation, or in violation of particular law, must be excluded from the trial and will not be admitted as evidence."

Aside from the routinary filing of administrative and criminal cases against violators of environmental laws, recently, we filed two (2) criminal cases against unscrupulous loggers, one of them a known surveyor and former DENR employee. (attached)

"The undersigned never stop implementing strictly environmental laws as advocacy and commitment to public service."

Wherefore, premises considered, the undersigned respectfully pray that the said complaint be **DISMISSED**.

For your information, guidance and perusal.

FORESTER ANASTACIO A. SANTOS, MPA
CENR Officer

Mr. Fredderick V. Urbano

Tayamaan, Mamburao, Occidental Mindoro

The Regional Executive Director DENR MIMAROPA Region

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Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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