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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM : The CENR Officer

SUBJECT : **TICKET REFERENCE NO. W20230820-877-20**
RE: Alleged Inappropriate Action Relative to Confiscated Logs of
the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)
Community Environmental and Natural Resources Office
(CENRO) Sablayan, Occidental Mindoro

This is the answer to the 8888 citizen's complaint hotline with ticket reference no. W20230820-877-20. Another allegation against the undersigned but the complainant has failed to reveal his/her identity and evidence (being anonymous). This means the allegations are "hearsay" and even inadmissible in the proper courts. Under Section 37 Rule 130 of the 2019 Revised Rules on Evidence, "hearsay" means:

Section 37. Hearsay. – Hearsay is a statement other than made by the declarant while testifying at a trial or hearing, offered to prove the truth of the facts asserted therein. A statement is (1) an oral or written assertion or (2) a non-verbal conduct of a person, if it is intended by him or her as an assertion. Hearsay evidence is inadmissible except as otherwise provided in these Rules.

A statement is not hearsay if the declarant testifies at the trial or hearing and is subject to cross-examination concerning the statement. The statement is (a) inconsistent with the declarant's testimony, and was given under oath subject to the penalty of perjury at a trial, hearing, or other proceeding, or in a deposition; (b) consistent with the declarant's testimony and is offered to rebut an express or implied charge against the declarant of recent fabrication or improper influence or motive; or (c) one of identification of a person made after perceiving him or her.

It is not true that confiscated lumbers in Brgy. Mananao, Paluan, Occidental Mindoro were not brought to Yapang Monitoring Station. A report prepared (proper documents) was attached to this as proof. Therefore, the anonymous letter is a hearsay.

The author of this should come out in the open and name those personnel who were involved in the transfer of the confiscated lumber so the undersigned can initiate an investigation. As regards Forester Tony Ungria, let the undersigned correct that he is a retired Forest Ranger. He is a trustworthy man who always accompanies the undersigned from time to time in different places because he knows the illegal activities (on NGP, Land Titling and Collection of "Taripa" in exchange for transport permit) of personnel in the province. He is a person that the undersigned can trust and continuously assists DENR-CENRO Sablayan even if he was separated from the government service already.

Also, the anonymous letter is a "demolition job" to destroy the credibility and reputation of the undersigned and replace the latter as CENR Officer of DENR Sablayan so that those illegal loggers can freely perform their unscrupulous acts.

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

For your information, guidance and perusal.


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CENR Officer

cc: The Regional Executive Director
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The PENR Officer
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