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**MEMORANDUM**

TO : **THE REGIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**  
DENR-Region IV-B MIMAROPA  
1515 Roxas Blvd., Ermita, Manila

FROM : **THE UNDERSECRETARY**  
Field Operations – Luzon, Visayas and Environment

SUBJECT : **COMPLAINT OF MR. ARTHUR B. LEQUIRON, ET AL. AGAINST  
ENGR. DALE GARCILLANO FOR ALLEGED VIOLATION OF R.A.  
9275, AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A COMPREHENSIVE WATER  
QUALITY MANAGEMENT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

DATE : **MAR 16 2023**

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This pertains to the Electronic mail dated 20 February 2023 of Mr. Arthur B. Lequiron, et al., regarding the above-mentioned subject.

You are hereby instructed to verify the veracity of the complaint and act in accordance with the pertinent laws, rules and regulations on the matter. Directly reply to the parties concerned and copy furnish this Office of the action taken citing document tracking number DENR-ASRMD-2023-004991 for record and monitoring purposes.

For compliance.

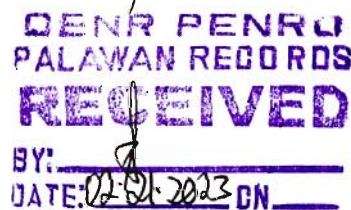
  
ATTY. JUAN MIGUEL T. CUNA, *CESO I*

Encls.: as stated

cc: Mr. Arthur B. Lequiron, et al.  
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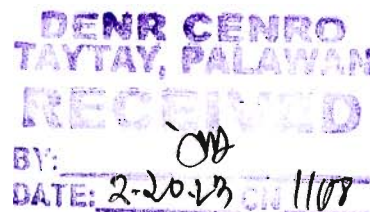
February 20, 2023



**To: Department of Environment and Natural Resources**  
Poblacion, Taytay  
Palawan 5312

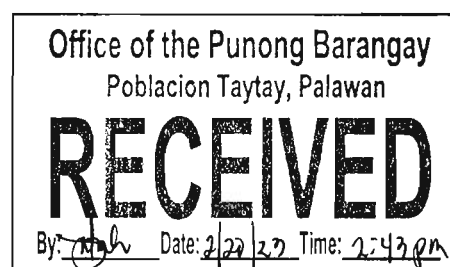
**To: Municipal Health and Sanitation Officer**  
Health and Sanitation Office  
Taytay, Palawan 5312  
Thru: **Dr. Dan Del Rosario**  
Municipal Health Officer

*Handwritten signature and date 2-20-23*



**To: Hon. Ma. Lucia R. Rodriguez**  
Punong Barangay  
Poblacion, Taytay  
Palawan 5312

**Re : Complaint Letter**  
**Against Engr. Dale Garcillano**  
**For Violation of R.A. 9275**



This is to formally file our incident report regarding the spillage of effluent/sewage waste water from sewage deposit tank of Engr. Dale Garcillano's boarding house at around 1:35 p.m. of February 17, 2023.

As previously complained, effluent/sewage waste water is coming out of the sewage deposit tank and from the broken black 2" pvc pipe (yellow arrow in pictures 1,2,4,5 and 22). Beside the said broken black 2" pvc pipe is a 4" black pvc pipe with its end open (red arrow in pictures 1 and 2).

In the morning of **February 17, 2023**, Raffy, one of Engr. Garcillano's worker informed me (MBLequiron) that broken black 2" pvc pipe (yellow arrow in pictures 1 and 2) is connected to the 4" orange pvc (orange arrow in pictures 1, 2, 22 and 23) using only a sack (violet circle in picture 2) and the connection of the pipes cannot be seen because it is covered by soil. The other end of the 4" orange pvc is going down to the ground (pictures 1 and 2) and, as told by Engr. Garcillano sometime in November, 2022, there is another sewage tank (green arrow in pictures 23 and 24) under the ground at the said end (pictures 22 and 23).

At around 1:30 p.m., while I (MBLequiron) was at the kitchen sink, pounding sounds of the cement cover of the sewage deposit tank of Engr. Garcillano's boarding house were heard and was followed by a gushing sound of water. Upon hearing the gushing sound of water, I (MBLequiron) immediately rushed to the kitchen door and saw a blackish, smelly fluid flowing down towards the lower portion of our lot towards the lower lot of Lanie Domingo.

We rushed to see what was happening and we saw the two workers of Engr. Dale Garcillano were trying to stop the effluent/waste sewage water from spilling out of the open 4" pvc pipe (red arrow in pictures 3 and 4) by putting soil to its open end until they finally controlled the pouring out of sewage waste water (pictures 5 and 6). However, septic waste (white arrow)

had already spilled at the back of our bathroom, kitchen, bodega (pictures 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8) to the laundry area (pictures 9), the whole stretch of our lot going down to Lanie Domingo's lot (pictures 10, 11, 12 and 13), continued to the whole stretch of the back of her house (pictures 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 21), to her sink area (pictures 17, 18 and 19) and ending up to the gabi plants between Lanie Domingo's lot and Vilma Sanchez's lot (pictures 20).

While capturing by video the actual spillage flow of the septic waste water spillage at the back of the house of Lanie Domingo till it ended at the gabi plants as seen on pictures 14 to 20, I (MBLequiron) called Ms. Natividad Cariño to report the said spillage. And, ordered the stoppage of work directing Raffy to call Engr. Garcillano to come over to see the spillage and the damage done to our lot who, instead, went to Engr. Garcillano, but, returned saying "Di makapunta si Engr. Busy."

I (ABLequiron) went to report the septic waste water spillage to the DENR-CENRO and was able to talk to Mr. Mike Marasigan, to the Barangay and was able to talk for Barangay Kagawad Jopet Cayetano and to the Municipal Health and Sanitation Office and was able to talk with Dr. Dan Del Rosario who immediately instructed Mr. Rex Sabenacio to inspect the reported septic waste water spillage upon showing him the video taken by my wife.

Meanwhile, I (MBLequiron) called Ms. Kate of DENR-EMB who had already made an ocular inspection on February 9, 2023 and instructed me to call Mr. Mike Marasigan who immediately sent two DENR-CENRO staff to check and took pictures of the septic waste spillage.

Mr. Rex Sabenacio and Mr. Faustino of Municipal Health and Sanitation Office came to inspect the septic waste spillage and documented it by taking pictures.

<sup>Valentin Brgg. Sanitary Inspector</sup>  
Barangay Kagawad Toledo also came to see the reported septic waste water spillage who could not get closer near the sewage deposit tank and the spillage area because of the very strong offensive and repugnant odor.

Upon inquiry why the septic waste water came out from the open 4" black pvc pipe, Raffy told us that the 4" black pvc was clogged with plastic and soil and could have been declogged when they started to break the cement cover of the septic waste deposit. He also said that the 4" black pvc is intended to drain water from the septic waste tank when it is already full, thus, it has an open end. We commented that it was good that the 4" black pvc pipe was clogged with plastic and soil, otherwise, septic waste water will continuously flow on our lot.

Pictures were taken thereafter. Picture 32 to 40 would show the extend of damage of the septic water waste spillage leaving a very strong foul, filthy, disgusting and offensive smell. Lanie Domingo, upon returning home from a school meeting, complained of the strong unpleasant odor inside their house and stronger and obnoxious at the kitchen area where the septic waste fluid came to halt. The children who were left in their house at the time of the spillage and were seen watching it thru the window (picture 21)

narrated that the spillage was "sobrang baho" and that their house was filled by the "sobrang baho" odor.

**Mr. Rex Sabenacio** came back to give chlorine and organic disinfectant from the **Municipal Health and Sanitation Office** which I (MBLequiron) dissolved in water and poured on the spillage area to disinfect it and minimize, at least, the bad odor.

The workers of **Engr. Dale Garcillano** continued to work in tapping the sewage system tube of the boarding to the newly built sewage deposit tank now at the lot of Engr. Dale Garcillano (pictures 25 to 31).

The **second sewage deposit tank** (pictures 22 and 23) which is also full of septic waste water (picture 24), Raffy covered the hole with soil and suggested they will fill it up with soil after, more or less, three (3) months, to allow the water to dry up, since I (MBLequiron) that it should be opened up and be filled with soil as agreed upon during the Barangay Conciliation held on February 9, 2023.

This obnoxious, unimaginable and disgusting incident demands immediate action/s and recommendation/s from your respective offices to condemn such incident and that it is only proper and right that an administrative action against Engr. Dale Garcillano be instituted to hold him liable for violation of RA 9275, hold him responsible for the damages done and to impose the appropriate fines, penalties and sanctions as provided by law.

Your fast and prompt action will be highly appreciated.

Thank you very much

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**Ma. SOLEDAD JOSEFA BADA-LEQUIRON**

CC:

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Municipal Mayor  
Taytay, Palawan 5312

**Hon. Ma. Antonia Yulo-Loyzaga** - Secretary  
Dept. of Environment and Natural Resources  
Visayas Avenue, Quezon

**Hon. Lormelyn E. Claudio, CESO IV** - Regional Executive Director  
Dept. of Environment and Natural Resources  
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**Mr. Felizardo Cayatoc** - PENRO

Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office  
Dept. of Environment and Natural Resources  
Sta. Monica, Puerto Princesa City, Palawan

**Mr. Nixon Enriquez**

Business Permits  
Taytay, Palawan 5312

**Guevent Investment Corporation, Inc.**

Taytay, Palawan 5312

**Ms. Kate**

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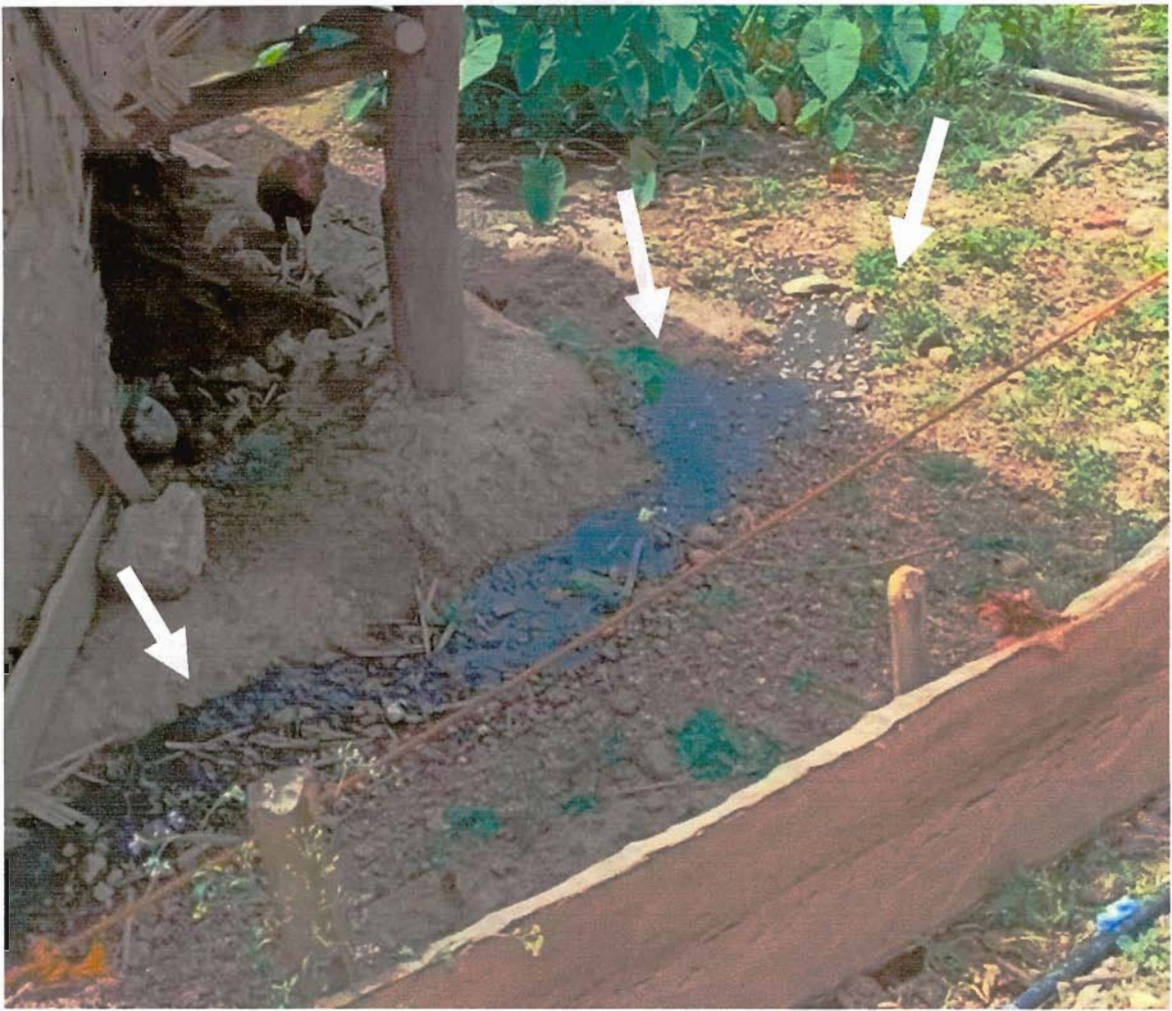


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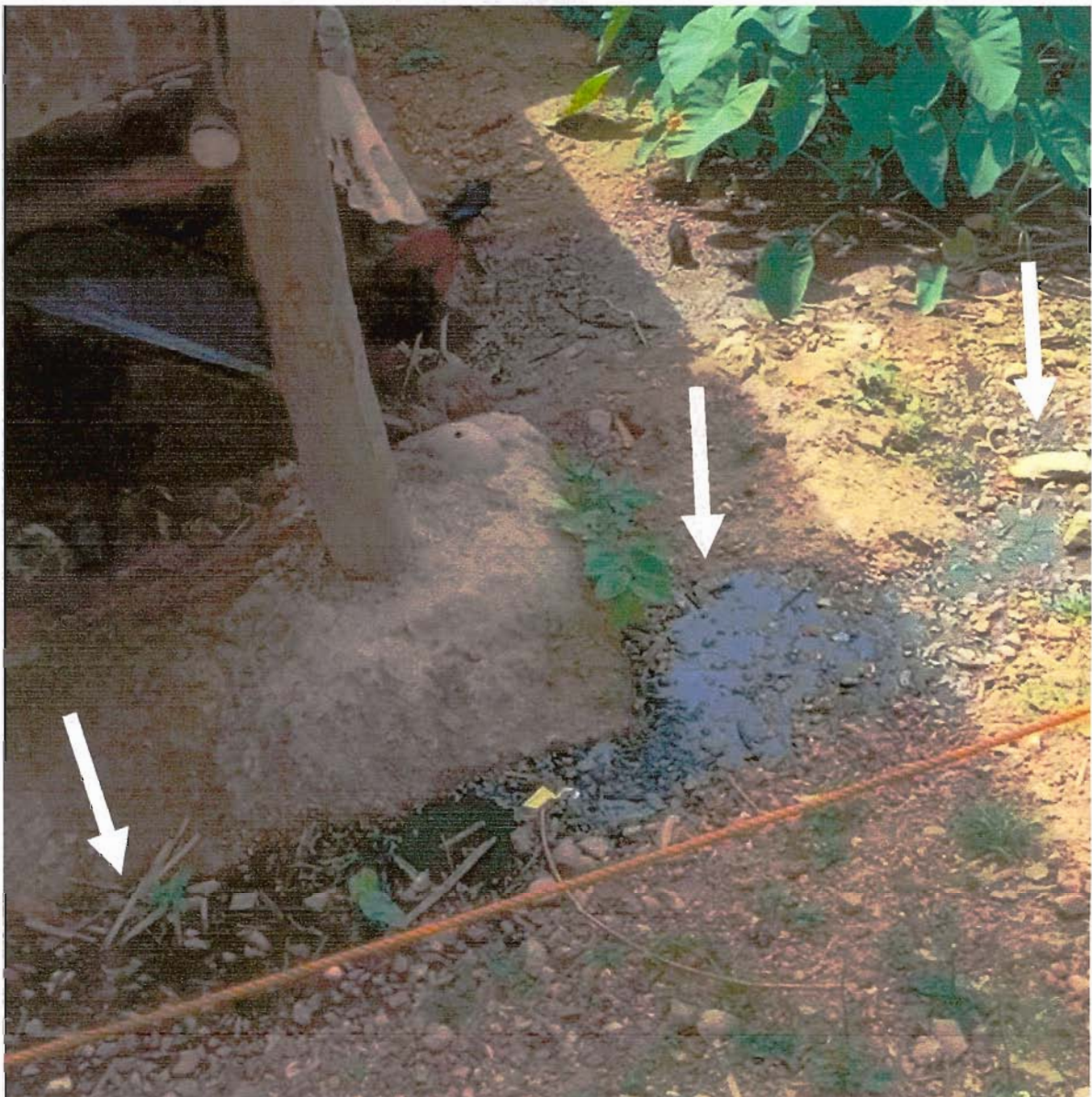


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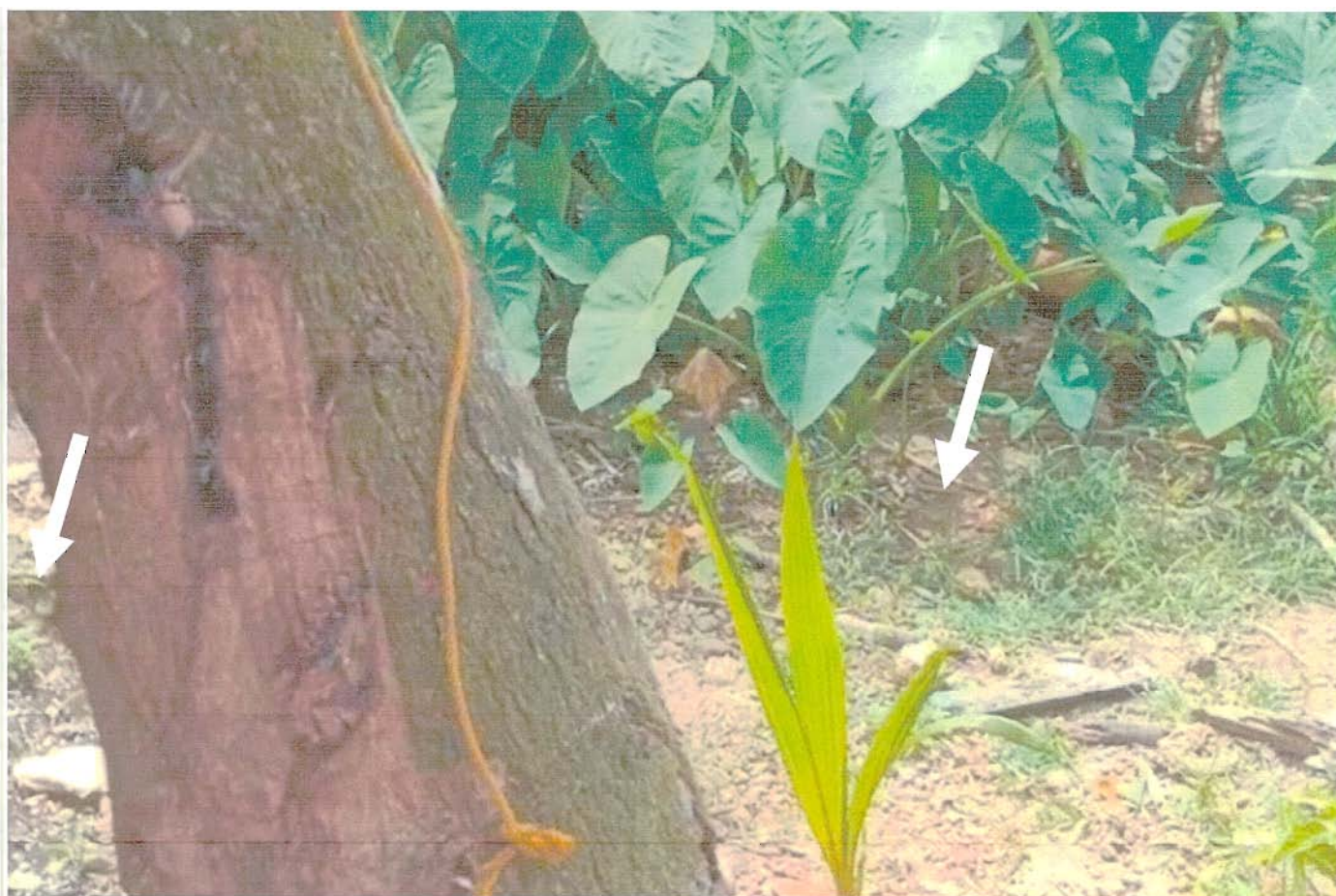


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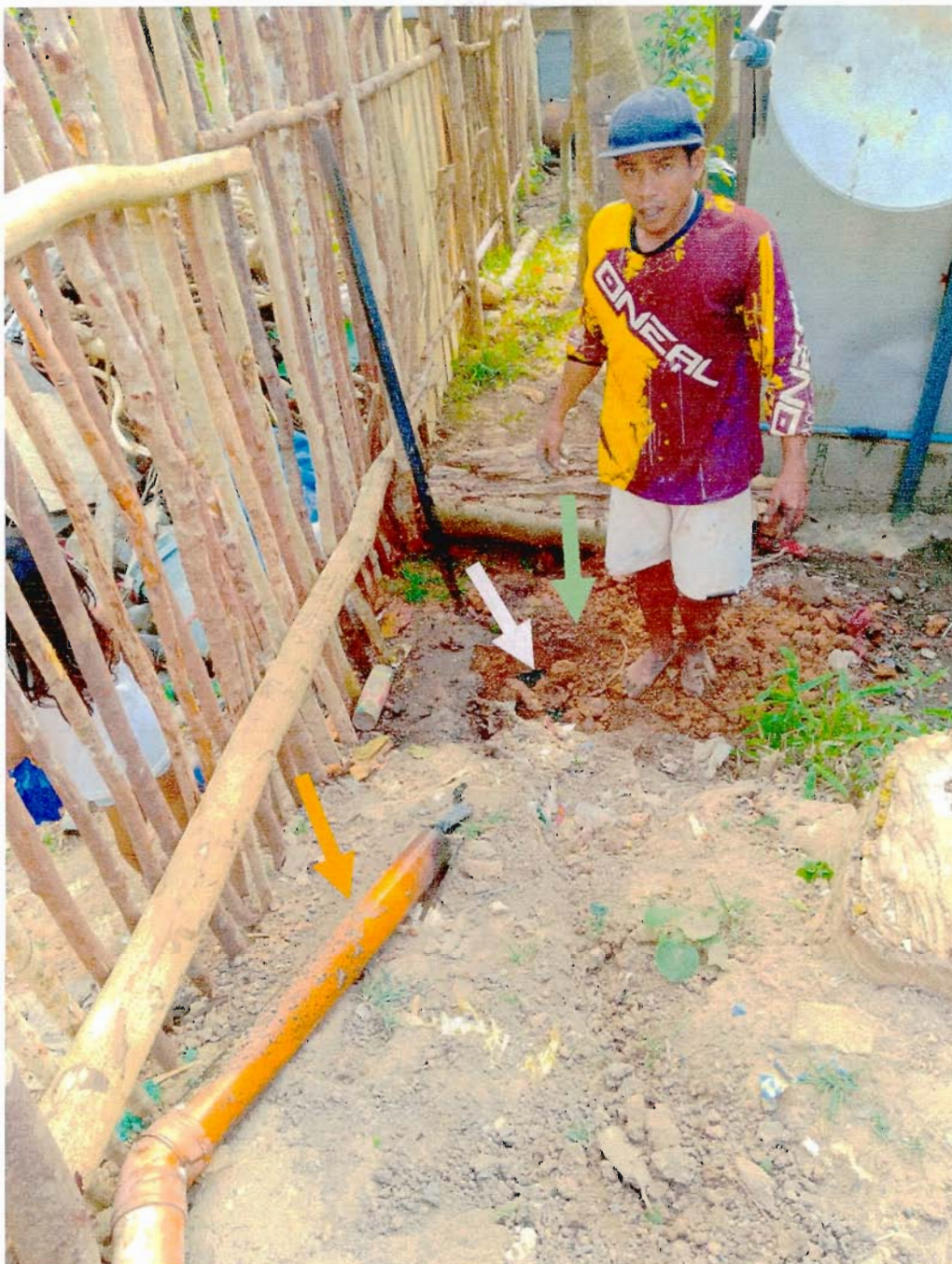












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