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AUG 23 2022

MEMORANDUM

FOR :

The Regional Executive Director

DENR MIMAROPA Region

DENR By the Bay Building, 1515 Roxas Blvd., Ermita, Manila

FROM

The Director

Legal Affairs Service

SUBJECT

SWORN LETTER COMPLAINT DATED 14 MARCH 2022 OF MS.

TERESITA F. DAVID-O' BRIEN AGAINST CENR OFFICER ANASTACIO SANTOS OF THE CENR OFFICE (CENRO) OF

SABLAYAN, OCCIDENTAL MINDORO

We refer the above subject for investigation and verification of the allegations therein in connection with the land problem of Ms. Davis-O' Brien claiming ownership over a parcel of land situated in Sitio Lagundian, Brgy. Balansay, Municipality of Mamburao, Province of Occidental Mindoro.

The resolution on such complaint is within this Office pursuant to DENR Memorandum Circular (DMC) No. 2010-18, but the conduct of investigation can be entrusted to the Region pursuant to Section 43(3), Chapter 7, Subtitle A, Chapter 1, Book V of the Administrative Code of 1987.

In view thereof, kindly submit to this Office a report, with recommendation, on the matter, within fifteen (15) days from the termination of your investigation.

For information and compliance.

NORLITO A. ENERAN, LLM., CESO III





MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

THRU

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The Undersecretary for Legal, Administration, Human Resources

and Legislative Affairs

ATTENTION:

The Director

Legal Affairs Services

FROM

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The Regional Executive Director

SUBJECT

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

DATE

JUL 2 9 2022

Respectfully forwarding the verified complaint dated March 14, 2022 filed by Teresita F. David-O'Brien against CENRO Anastacio Santos of Sablayan, Occidental Mindoro, which was received by this Office on March 21, 2022.

The complainant alleges, among others, that she is the owner of a parcel of land in Sitio Lagundian, Brgy. Balansay, Mamburao, Occidental Mindoro; she was verbally invited by CENRO Santos, through Engr. Eric Custodio, for an ocular inspection of said property. To her surprise, it was not a mere ocular inspection but also a meeting with other property owners who have a dispute over a land surrounding her property. She was then subjected to questioning by CENRO Santos, who even insinuated that she acquired her property improperly and illegally through her brother-in-law Engr. Caesar Quebec who was the former CENRO of Sablayan, Occidental Mindoro. She stated that not only was her good name tarnished but that she was deprived of the opportunity to properly prepare and provide evidence against the inisinuations. Moreover, she was threatened by CENRO Santos saying, "Kaya kong ipa-nullify ang title mo!".

Memorandum Circular No. 2010-18, otherwise known as the *Guidelines in the Resolution* and *Disposition of Administrative Disciplinary Cases*, provides that all complaints involving xxx officials with salary grade 24 or higher who are not presidential appointees shall be handled and resolved at the Office of the Secretary (OSEC).

CENRO Santos, the person complained of, is a full-fledged CENR Officer, with Salary Grade 24. Hence, the authority to resolve the instant Complaint is within your office.

For consideration and further instruction/s, please.

ORMELYN E. CLAUDIO, CESO IV

Copy furnished:

Teresita F. David David-O'Brien Brgy. Payompon, Mamburao Occidental Mindoro

CENRO Anastacio Santos CENRO Sablayan, Occidental Mindoro

PENRO Occidental Mindoro

The Chief, Administrative Division DENR MIMAROPA Region



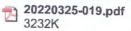


COMPLAINT OF MRS. TERESITA F. DAVID-O'BRIEN VERSUS ANASTACIO SANTOS

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good day please see attached file Asap thank you





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

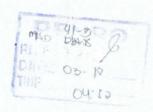
ANASTACIO SANTOS,	
	Respondent.
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COMPLAINT

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

- 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. Niňo, 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.
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- 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

staring at me, unprofessionally stated in public that "Ang naging papel ko ay janitor at hindi CENRO dahil nililinis ko ang iniwang dumi ng dating CENRO." And the Respodent'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:

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

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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;
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this ___ day of _____, 2022 in Mamburao, Occidental Mindoro.

TERESITA F. DAVID-O'BRIEN

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

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TERESITA F. DAVID-O'BRIEN
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ATTY. KATHRO

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