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MEMORANDUM

FOR : **The Regional Executive Director**  
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THRU : **The Chief**  
Legal Division, DENR MIMAROPA Region  
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FROM : **The Director**  
Legal Affairs Service

SUBJECT : **REQUEST FOR LEGAL ASSISTANCE RE: MEMORANDUM  
DATED 09 MARCH 2020 - APPREHENSION OF 2616 FBM OF  
LUMBER IN STA. CRUZ, OCCIDENTAL MINDORO**

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This is with regard to a Memorandum<sup>1</sup> dated 09 March 2020 from the then Regional Executive Director of DENR Regional Office No. IV-MIMAROPA which requested the assistance of lawyers from the Central Office in the filing of a criminal case involving the seizure of 2616 fbm. of lumber in Sta. Cruz, Occidental Mindoro.

In that Memorandum, this Office was informed that violence attended the apprehension and due to a lack of regional lawyers at the time, there was a need for assistance from Central.

However, due to a high turnover rate of lawyers in the Central Office, and the attendance of lawyers here to other equally important cases, this request was not properly turned over to the proper officer for action. Although a draft action was prepared by the previous action officer. This Office thus respectfully inquires about the status of this incident. If there is still a requirement for the assistance of lawyers, please inform us how we may be of assistance on this matter and any similar incidents.

Should your Office be in any need of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact this Office directly through [las.denr@gmail.com](mailto:las.denr@gmail.com), and through [legal.cpmd@denr.gov.ph](mailto:legal.cpmd@denr.gov.ph).

  
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**The Undersecretary**  
Legal and Administration

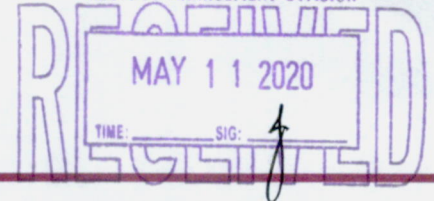
**The Assistant Secretary**  
Legal Affairs

<sup>1</sup> Copy attached as Annex "A".



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**MEMORANDUM**

**FOR :** The Director, Legal Affairs Service

**FROM :** The Regional Executive Director

**SUBJECT :** **REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE REGARDING THE VIOLENCE-RELATED INCIDENT ON FEBRUARY 25, 2020 DURING THE APPREHENSION OF 2,616.80 BOARD FEET OF UNDOCUMENTED LUMBER BY A JOINT TEAM OF CENRO SABLAYAN, OCCIDENTAL MINDORO AND STA. CRUZ MUNICIPAL POLICE STATION IN SITIO CALOMINTAO, STA. CRUZ, OCCIDENTAL MINDORO**

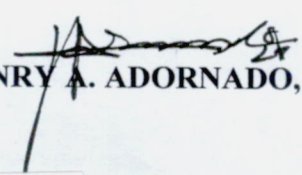
Respectfully forwarded are the Memorandums dated February 28, 2020 and February 27, 2020 of the OIC, PENR Officer, Occidental Mindoro, and CENR Officer, Sablayan, Occidental Mindoro, respectively, indorsing the Memorandum dated February 26, 2020 submitted by Ariston SJ. Ramos, Forester II/Assistant Chief, Monitoring and Enforcement Section, CENRO Sablayan, Occidental Mindoro, regarding the above-cited subject.

Per Memorandum dated February 26, 2020, please be informed that there are no casualties except for Forest Protection Officer Noelito A. Abdeon who was slightly wounded "*probably by a shrapnel coming from a shotgun. He was immediately brought to the nearest clinic for first aid. His two (2) colleagues luckily had the bullet an inch away from their bodies. The incident was immediately reported to Sta. Cruz Police Station and to seek(sic) for additional reinforcement.*"

Please be informed further that a total of 2,616.80 board feet of lumber were confiscated and now impounded at the DENR-CENRO Coordinating Office, Mamburao, Occidental Mindoro.

In this regard, and due to unavailability of MIMAROPA Regional lawyers, we are requesting the assistance of lawyers from the Central Office in the filing of a criminal case involving the said incident.

For consideration.

  
**HENRY A. ADORNADO, Ph.D.**

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PENRO Occidental Mindoro

CENRO Sablayan, Occidental Mindoro

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Region IVB - MIMAROPA

February 28, 2020

**MEMORANDUM**

**FOR** : The Regional Executive Director  
DENR MIMAROPA Region  
1515 L & S Bldg., Roxas Blvd, Ermita Manila

**THRU** : ARD for Technical Services

**FROM** : The OIC- PENR Officer

**SUBJECT** : **SUBMISSION OF REPORT ON THE ILLEGAL FOREST  
PRODUCT APPREHENDED BY CENRO SABLAYAN  
MONITORING AND ENFORCEMENT SECTION  
COORDINATING OFFICE MAMBURAO**

Respectfully forwarded herewith is the Memorandum dated February 27, 2020 of CENRO Sablayan regarding the above mentioned subject.

For information and record.

  
**ERNESTO L. TAÑADA**



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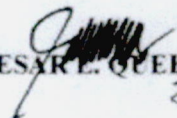
February 27, 2020

**MEMORANDUM**

FOR : The OIC-PENR Officer  
THRU : The Technical Services Division  
FROM : The CENR Officer  
SUBJECT : **SUBMISSION OF REPORT ON THE ILLEGAL FOREST  
PRODUCT APPREHENDED BY CENRO SBY MONITORING  
AND ENFORCEMENT SECTION COORDINATING OFFICE  
MAMBURAO**

Respectfully endorsing herewith is the report from Asst. Chief, MES dated February 26, 2020. Regarding the apprehension dated February 25, 2020 together with its pertinent enclosures.

For information and record.

  
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February 26, 2020

**MEMORANDUM**

**FOR** : The CENR Officer

**THRU** : The Technical Services Supervisor

Attn : Chief, Monitoring and Enforcement Section

**FROM** : The Assistant Chief, Monitoring and Enforcement Section

**SUBJECT** : REPORT ON THE TRANSPIRED VIOLENCE RELATED  
INCIDENT AGAINST LAW ENFORCER OF CENRO  
SABLAYAN, OCCIDENTAL MINDORO.

That on February 25, 2020 at around 8 O'clock in the evening, the undersigned received an information from a reliable source through txt/call that there were undocumented lumber at So. Calomintao, Sta Cruz, Occidental Mindoro. Immediately I instructed my men under Monitoring and Enforcement Section assigned in the area to check the veracity of the report following apprehension protocols. Dispatched team was headed by Forest Ranger Ronald Tendido with his members Forest Rangers Marlon Alfaro, Noel Salgado, FPOs Jerome Eugenio, Lorenzo Granados, Vincent Urbano and Noelito A. Badeon together with four (4) Municipal Police Station personnel of Sta Cruz.

At about 9:30 in the evening of the same day, the team reached the area mentioned by the unknown informer and it was confirmed that the information was positive. The team planned to seek for a back up because the DENR vehicle was so small to carry more or less 2,000 bd. ft. of lumber that is why they need to communicate with the undersigned for a help. On their way out from the location of the said illegally cut lumber, unknowingly there were men along their way who fired gun towards them targeting the driver side of the vehicle. During the incident there's no casualties except FPO Noelito A. Badeon who slightly wounded probably by a shrapnel coming from a shotgun. He was immediately brought to the nearest clinic for first aid. His two (2) colleagues luckily had the bullet an inch away from their bodies. The incident was immediately reported to Sta. Cruz Police Station and to seek for additional reinforcement.

Despite of the incident happened, the joint team of PNP, DENR, Phil Army and Barangay officials of Alacaak planned and prepared for the next steps to ensure safety of the operation team. The following day February 26, 2020 at about 8 am, the team led by the undersigned together with the Sta. Cruz PMS under the supervision of PCPT Jonald Bundang and led by PEMS Ernesto B. Gavia, Jr. with members PSSg. Francisco F. delos Angeles and PSSg Ronald A.

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Rosendro, went back to the location of hot lumber purposely to confiscate and use as evidence in filing criminal complaint if so warrant. Successfully the hot lumber was brought to DENR CENRO Sablayan Coordination Office with the help of PNP, OMPMFC personnel headed by PMSG Allan Pacaunas, PAT. Eborá Adrian, PAT. Mark Dacayanan, PSSG. Abdon Limos, PCPL. Michael Enero, PMSG Edward Dauran and PAT. Kenneth Lalong-isip and Delta Company 761B, 21B, PA Command Group under the direct supervision of 1Lt. Eddie F. Tabaniag headed by TSG Rogelio G. Panis and his members Sgt. Erneil Allan U. Baldado, Sgt. Hernan Sollestre, Sgt. Elvin F. Macoycruz, CAA Larry C. Bintulan, CAA Jimlan F. Atani, CAA Jayson S. Derili, CAA Bernie M. Gadingan, CAA Ramon D. Transfiguracion and Edmundo N. Garcia.

A total of 2616.80 bdf was confiscated and now impounded at DENR-CENRO Coordinating Office at Mamburao, Occidental Mindoro for safekeeping and for further investigation.

Attached are the apprehension receipt with scale sheet, geotagged photos of confiscated lumber, confiscation order and photos of DENR truck highlighting the gunshots on the left side ( driver side and driver back ). Indepth investigation report follows soon.

For information and record.

  
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tin showing the apprehended lumbers at Sirin Calamintao, Sta. Cruz, Occidental Mindoro





Unloading of apprehended lumber from Siria Calamintan, Sta. Cruz, Occidental Mindoro





Photo of DENR truck highlighting the mark left by a 12 gauge shotgun shot.