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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID
OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORT THAT AN AUSTRALIAN TOURIST KILLED A
FILIPINA MISTAKEN FOR A TRANSGENDER

WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 2, Section 5 provides, “The maintenance of peace and order, the protection of life, liberty, and property, and promotion of the general welfare are essential for the enjoyment by all the people of the blessings of democracy”;

WHEREAS, the Constitution also provides in Article 2, Section 11: “The State values the dignity of every human person and guarantees full respect for human rights”;

WHEREAS, the *Philippine Star* on 5 February 2015 reported that a 17-year-old Filipina supposedly mistaken for a transgender was allegedly killed by an Australian tourist the previous week;

WHEREAS, 42-year-old Ali Ali allegedly confessed to killing teenager Alona Alvarez “in self-defense”;

WHEREAS, Ali, who came from Melbourne, claimed he sent Alvarez, whom he met via online chat, AUS \$50,000 so that the latter could pick him up from the airport;

WHEREAS, from the Dipolog City airport, the two reportedly checked in at Antonio Pension House in Dipolog City on January 28;

WHEREAS, according to the news, Alvarez was found dead—naked and without most of her teeth—inside a motel room on January 30;

WHEREAS, a separate report cited a police autopsy, which found Alvarez as having suffered brain hemorrhage, leading to her death by acute respiratory failure;

WHEREAS, investigators said they found sex toys and marijuana in the room where Alvarez was found;

WHEREAS, according to an *ABS-CBN* report, Ali said he and the victim got into a fight when he purportedly mistook her for a transgender;

WHEREAS, the news quoted Ali as saying that the victim then expressed her anger by biting his penis which led Ali to punch her and hit her with a shoe several times;

WHEREAS, Ali was reportedly arrested in Dumaguete City earlier this week while trying to escape to Manila and is now facing murder charges;

WHEREAS, the government should protect minors from entities using the Internet to lure victims into dangerous encounters in exchange for money;

WHEREAS, Congress, through relevant legislation, must put in place mechanisms preventing foreigners with questionable intentions from entering the country;

WHEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE PHILIPPINE SENATE to direct the proper Senate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the report that an Australian tourist killed a Filipina mistaken for a transgender.

Adopted,


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