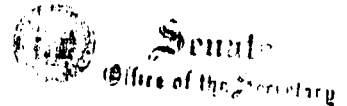


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**RESOLUTION**

**DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND DANGEROUS DRUGS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ALLEGED INVOLVEMENT OF SOME MEMBERS OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP) IN NUMEROUS EXTRAJUDICIAL KILLINGS IN THE COUNTRY WITH THE END IN VIEW OF REVISITING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE REFORM ACT TO ENSURE THAT THE CONSTITUTIONALLY ENSHRINED MANDATE OF THE PNP TO "SERVE AND PROTECT" REMAINS TO BE UPHELD**

**WHEREAS**, as enshrined in Article II, Section 11 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution that: "*The State values the dignity of every human person and guarantees full respect for human rights.*"

**WHEREAS**, Article III, Section 11 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution further states that: "*No person shall be deprived of life, liberty or property without due process of law, nor shall any person be denied the equal protection of the law.*"

**WHEREAS**, the Philippine National Police (PNP), as created by Republic Act 6975, is mandated to enforce the law, prevent and control crimes, maintain peace and order, and ensure public safety and internal security with the active support of the community;

**WHEREAS**, since 1 July 2016, a total of 3,844 are killed in the government's War on Drugs;<sup>1</sup>

**WHEREAS**, of the 3,844, 1,550 drug personalities are killed in police operations while 2,294 are victims of extrajudicial or vigilante-style killings;<sup>2</sup>

**WHEREAS**, in a 4 October 2016 article of The Guardian, a British National daily newspaper, a senior officer of the PNP bared that he is a part one of the 10 newly-formed and highly secretive police special operations teams, each with 16 members;<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> M. Bueza. 10 October 2016. In Numbers: The Philippines' 'war on drugs'. Rappler News. Retrieved from <http://www.rappler.com/newsbreak/iq/145814-numbers-statistics-philippines-war-drugs>

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*

**WHEREAS**, the said senior police officer also admitted that said teams are coordinated to execute a list of targets: suspected drug users, dealers and criminals;<sup>4</sup>

**WHEREAS**, he claimed that he is personally involved in 87 killings in the past three months and that they plaster masking tape around the head of the corpse, place a sign that reads “drug lord” or “pusher”, and then dump them in the next town or under a bridge;<sup>5</sup>

**WHEREAS**, another case of alleged police involvement in extrajudicial or vigilante-style killings is the killing of 51-year-old Citizens Crime Watch (CCW) regional chairperson, Zenaída M. Luz, who was gunned down by a riding in tandem who turned out to be two (2) junior police officials;<sup>6</sup>

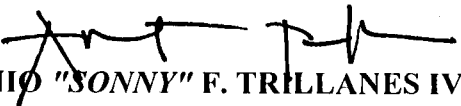
**WHEREAS**, these police officials were identified as Senior Inspector Magdalino G. Pimentel, Jr., of the First Maneuver Platoon of Oriental Mindoro Police Public Safety Company (PPSC) based in San Teodoro, Oriental Mindoro; and Inspector Markson S. Almeranez, chief of police of Socorro, Oriental Mindoro.<sup>7</sup> Upon their arrest Pimentel was found to be wearing a bonnet and hoodie jacket while Almeranez was wearing a facemask and a wig to disguise himself;<sup>8</sup>

**WHEREAS**, Almeranez, who graduated fifth in Philippine National Police Academy (PNPA) “*Tagapamagitan*” Class of 2013, was even awarded as outstanding police commissioned officer by PNP Director-General Ronald de la Rosa in Calapan City only last September 8, 2016;<sup>9</sup>

**WHEREAS**, the alleged involvement of the members of the PNP in extrajudicial or vigilante-style killings should immediately be investigated in order to come up with remedial legislation to ensure that the members of the PNP do not use their authority, training and power in committing what could be considered as illegal and criminal activities;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved by the *Philippines Senate*, to direct the Committee on Public Order and Dangerous Drugs of the Senate to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the alleged involvement of some members of the Philippine National Police (PNP) in numerous extra-judicial and vigilante-type killings in the country with the end in view of revisiting the Philippine National Police Reform Act, to ensure that the PNP’s constitutionally enshrined mandate to “*serve and protect*” would be upheld.

*Adopted,*

  
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Senator

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>5</sup> K. Lamb, 04 October 2016. Philippine secret death squads: officer claims police teams behind wave of killings. The Guardian. Retrieved from <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2016/oct/04/philippines-secret-death-squads-police-officer-teams-behind-killings>

<sup>6</sup> J. Alcayde, 11 October 2016. Manila Bulletin. 2 PNP officials unmasked as riding-in-tandem killers. Retrieved from <http://www.mb.com.ph/2-pnp-officials-unmasked-as-riding-in-tandem-killers/>

<sup>7</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>8</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>9</sup> *Ibid.*