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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND
ILLEGAL DRUGS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY IN AID OF
LEGISLATION ON THE INCREASING INCIDENCE OF
CARJACKING IN METRO MANILA

WHEREAS, a group of unidentified men stole a white Mitsubishi Pajero at gunpoint from its owner, Joel Vismonte, by blocking his path at the corner of Roosevelt Avenue and Pitimini Street in Quezon City last 24 October 2005;

WHEREAS, Dr. Roberto Antonio Pascual, a dermatologist, suffered a similar fate, losing his Ford Everest to car thieves at a gas station along Congressional Avenue; he was shot when he resisted but survived;

WHEREAS, Justice Ruben Reyes of the Court of Appeals lost his Honda CRV when two armed men stopped him on his way home in Barangay Baesa;

WHEREAS, Eric Abellan, a businessman from Valenzuela City, died of a heart attack upon reaching home after car thieves forcibly took his Nissan Frontier along Mindanao Avenue;

WHEREAS, these incidents brought to 11 the number of vehicles forcibly taken within Metro Manila this month; the most number of cases happened in Quezon City,

WHEREAS, for the month of September 2005, 30 vehicles were stolen, 20 of them forcibly; in some cases, the drivers were shot;

WHEREAS, Metro Manila Police Chief Supt. Vidal Querol said the gang's modus operandi is to tail a potential victim at night, upon reaching a dark portion of the road, the carjackers will cut in front of the victim's vehicle and order the car's occupants out; victims have described the carjackers as armed men wielding pistols and M-16 rifles;

WHEREAS, apart from taking the victim's vehicle, Querol said the carjackers also divest the occupants their belongings including cellular phones, ATM cards and cash;

WHEREAS, data from the Traffic Management Group (TMG) shows that an average of 2.5 vehicles are stolen everyday in Metro Manila;


WHEREAS, stolen vehicles are allegedly being sold in Barangay Kapalangan in Apalit, Pampanga;

WHEREAS, TMG Chief Supt. Ricardo Quinto has gone on indefinite leave amid an alarming spike in carjacking cases in Metro Manila;

WHEREAS, Chief Supt. Augusto Angcanan, who replaced Quinto, said he has given marching orders to conduct an extensive operation and find a solution to this problem of carjacking; he further said that the investigation would include people who buy the stolen vehicles.

WHEREFORE, be it resolved, as it is hereby resolved by the Philippine Senate, to direct the Senate Committee on Public Order and Illegal Drugs to conduct an inquiry in aid of legislation on the increasing incidence of carjacking in Metro Manila.

Adopted,


MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO

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