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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 FIREARMS WORTH NEARLY P12M ARE MISSING FROM THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE

WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 2, Section 27 provides: "The State shall maintain honesty and integrity in the public service and take positive and effective measures against graft and corruption";

WHEREAS, it was reported by gmanetwork.com on 16 May 2014 that a total of 59 firearms worth P11.76 million were reported missing from the Philippine National Police Firearms and Explosive Division (PNP-FED) office located inside the PNP headquarters in Camp Crame;

WHEREAS, a statement by Senior Superintendent Roberto Fajardo, chief of the National Capital Region-Criminal Investigation and Detection Group (NCR- CIDG-NCR) reportedly said that the firearms were discovered missing when the PNP's firearms supplier, JOAVI Philippine Corporation, conducted a random inventory of their stock in a vault inside the PNP-FED office on Wednesday;

WHEREAS, it was alleged that discovered missing were 12 pieces CARACAL F, 8 pieces SPHINX 3000 COMPACT, 16 pieces KRISS VECTOR SDP, 3 pieces ARCUS 98 DAC, 20 pieces SPHINX COMPACT SDP;

WHEREAS, a JOAVI employee, Harold Sumalde, 23, reportedly admitted that he was the one responsible for the pilferage of the missing firearms and tagged a certain Raymond Lopez, 34, as his accomplice who was in-charge of the selling of the pilfered guns to interested buyers;

WHEREAS, it was reported that both suspects underwent inquest proceedings before the Quezon City Prosecutors' Office for cases of qualified theft and violation of Republic Act No. 10591 or the Comprehensive Law on Firearms and Ammunition;

WHEREAS, the PNP-FED and the NCR-CIDG are reportedly now conducting a joint investigation to recover the stolen firearms and to determine the identities of those possessing them;

WHEREAS, there is a need for the Department of the Interior and Local government (DILG) and the Philippine National Police to determine culpability of the said accused and if there are other PNP officials involved;

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 firearms worth nearly P12 million are missing from the headquarters of the Philippine National Police.

Adopted,

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MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO

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