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SENATE  
P. S. R. No. 1022

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

RESOLUTION  
DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID  
OF LEGISLATION, ON THE INCREASING REPORTS OF ABDUCTION CASES AT THE  
MAGALLANES INTERCHANGE

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

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 8353, otherwise known as The Anti-Rape Law of 1997, Article 266-A provides:

"Rape: When And How Committed. - Rape is committed:

"1) By a man who shall have carnal knowledge of a woman under any of the following circumstances:

"a) Through force, threat, or intimidation;

"b) When the offended party is deprived of reason or otherwise unconscious...";

WHEREAS, the Revised Penal Code, Article 276, as amended, provides:

"Kidnapping and serious illegal detention. — Any private individual who shall kidnap or detain another, or in any other manner deprive him of his liberty, shall suffer the penalty of reclusion perpetua to death:

"1) If the kidnapping or detention shall have lasted more than five days;

"2) If it shall have been committed simulating public authority;

"3) If any serious physical injuries shall have been inflicted upon the person kidnapped or detained; or if threats to kill him shall have been made;

"4) If the person kidnapped or detained shall be a minor, female or a public officer";

WHEREAS, *Inquirer.net*, in an article posted on 8 November 2014, said that an 18-year-old transgender woman was on her way to school when three men on board a heavily tinted van grabbed her and pushed her inside the vehicle in broad daylight at the Magallanes Interchange near EDSA and sexually abused her on 4 September 2014;

WHEREAS, the victim said she talked to the *Inquirer* after finding out that two other victims, a 21-year-old student and a 14-year-old, were abducted in the same area and also molested apparently by the same suspects early November;

WHEREAS, the victim narrated that at around 10 a.m., she was walking under the Magallanes Interchange on her way to the jeepney terminal when a dark-colored van with the three suspects on board suddenly appeared along the road and almost hit her;

WHEREAS, she described her attackers as two Middle Eastern-looking men who speak like Filipinos and a Filipino driver, all of whom have yet to be identified and arrested;

WHEREAS, she claimed that the car's door opened and two men pulled and pushed her inside the van;

WHEREAS, the victim added that there were people who witnessed the incident, but no one came forward to help her;

WHEREAS, she said further that while the vehicle was moving, she was molested at the back of the van where the seats had been removed;

WHEREAS, the victim said that the suspects removed her underwear and hit her in the face when they found out that she was not a real girl, and that one of them was about to shoot her;

WHEREAS, the three suspects alternately ordered her to do oral sex on them while the van was moving, and when they were done she was kicked and pushed out of the vehicle on a grassy road in Laguna, and they threatened to kill her;

WHEREAS, on 5 November 2014, ABS-CBNnews.com reported that a 21-year-old student was allegedly abducted by four men on a van along EDSA Magallanes and raped by suspects inside the vehicle;

WHEREAS, the victim said that she was on her way home from school at around 6:30 p.m. last 30 September when men from a vehicle that had been following her suddenly grabbed her by the arms, slapped her, told her to keep her quiet, and covered her nose with a handkerchief soaked in a chemical that made her unconscious;

WHEREAS, she woke up the next day at around three o'clock in the morning in a grassy area in Malolos, Bulacan, naked from the waist down and with her whole body aching;

WHEREAS, the same report noted that a 14-year-old girl was also abducted and raped by men on board a van along Kalayaan Avenue in Makati while she was on her way to school on 3 November 2014;

WHEREAS, according to officers of the women and children's desk of the Makati police, they are still investigating if the same people are behind the two cases;

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) announced on 10 November 2014 that it was putting up ₱200,000 as a reward for information that could lead to the arrest of suspected rapists targeting commuters at the Magallanes Interchange;

WHEREAS, MMDA Chairman Francis Tolentino said that he would also be asking the National Capital Region Police Office (NCRPO) to increase patrol in the area and that more Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) units would be installed at the interchange;

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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 increasing reports of abduction cases at the Magallanes Interchange.

Adopted,

  
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