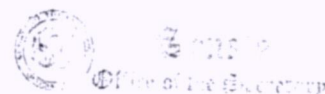


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Introduced by **SENATORS VICENTE C. SOTTO III** and **PANFILO M. LACSON**

RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND DANGEROUS DRUGS AND OTHER APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE BRUTAL KILLING OF RICHARD SANTILLAN, SECURITY AIDE OF ATTY. GLENN CHONG, A FORMER LAWMAKER AND KNOWN ELECTION REFORM ADVOCATE, AND INTO OTHER RECENT CASES OF ELECTION-RELATED VIOLENCE, WITH THE END GOAL OF CRAFTING MEASURES THAT WILL BE MORE EFFECTIVE IN ENSURING PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY DURING ELECTION PERIOD

WHEREAS, it was reported that the security aide of Atty. Glenn Chong, a former lawmaker and a known election reform advocate, Richard Santillan was allegedly killed in a police operation in Cainta, Rizal on December 10, 2018;

WHEREAS, based on the report of the CALABARZON regional police, there was an intelligence report from the Highway Patrol Group (HPG) that the vehicle, a Toyota Fortuner, being driven by Richard Santillan – which was later on learned to be owned by a member of Chong family – was seen frequenting Cainta and boarded twice by a leader of the crime group “Highway Boys”, a group responsible for carnapping, gunrunning and distribution of illegal drugs;

WHEREAS, the policemen intercepted the aforesaid vehicle in a checkpoint in Barangay San Andres, Cainta but the vehicle did not stop and shots were fired from inside the vehicle which triggered a shootout and resulted to the death of Richard Santillan, according to Chief Supt. Edward Caranza, director of the CALABARZON regional police;

WHEREAS, the autopsy report from the Public Attorney’s Office, however, says otherwise;

WHEREAS, the head of the Public Attorney’s Office forensics team, Dr. Erwin Erfe, claimed that Richard Santillan was tortured before he was killed

considering that Santillan sustained 63 injuries in different parts of his body, some of which are inconsistent with being inside the car;

WHEREAS, the opposing statements given by the police authorities and that of the Public Attorney's Office have made the death of Richard Santillan under highly questionable circumstances;

WHEREAS, the killing was alleged to be related to Mr. Santillan's employer, Atty. Glenn Chong's bid for senatorial post and its strong position against election fraud during the past local and national elections;

WHEREAS, on January 2, 2019, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte has ordered a fair and thorough investigation of the "brutal" and "brazen" killing of Richard Santillan until the killers, including the mastermind, are put behind bars;

WHEREAS, cases of election-related violence are currently on a rise, and this has been the trend every election period despite the implementation of stricter security measures;

WHEREAS, these kinds of events call for an investigation and further review of existing rules and regulations relative to election offenses and law enforcement to reinforce them for a conduct of a more peaceful and orderly election;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate of the Philippines, to direct the Committee on Public Order and Dangerous Drugs and other appropriate Senate Committees to conduct an investigation, in aid of legislation, on the brutal killing of Richard Santillan, security aide of Atty. Glenn Chong, a former lawmaker and known election reform advocate, and into other recent cases of election-related violence, with the end goal of crafting measures that will be more effective in ensuring public order and safety during election period.

Adopted.


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