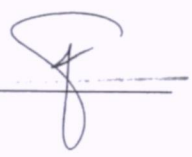


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Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay



RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN
INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICIES ON
SCREENING AND SELECTION OF REGISTERED GUARDIANS OF DEPENDENT,
NEGLECTED, ABANDONED, AND EXPLOITED CHILDREN, IN LIGHT OF THE
SLAY OF A GRADE SEVEN STUDENT BY HIS REGISTERED GUARDIAN IN
MASILI, CALAMBA CITY

WHEREAS on July 4, 2019, Mark Anthony Miranda, a 15-year old, Grade 7 student was shot dead inside the Castor Alviar National High School in Calamba, Laguna¹;

WHEREAS, according to the Laguna police, the arrested suspect, Renan Estrope Valderama, a 36-year old security guard was behind the shooting of the Grade 7 student²;

WHEREAS, Calamba City Police Chief PLTC Jacino Malinao Jr. said Valderama had been taking care of the victim following the detention of his mother for possession of illegal drugs³;

WHEREAS, he also added that the suspect is the registered guardian of the victim⁴;

WHEREAS, according to reports, Mark Anthony Miranda had filed a case of sexual abuse against Valderama, under Republic Act No. 7610 or the Special Protection of Children Against Abuse, Exploitation, and Discrimination Act;

WHEREAS, Department of Education (DepEd) spokesperson Annalyn Sevilla said, that the student might have sought the guardianship of Valderama as his mother is in jail and his father is already dead;

¹ Manila Bulletin News Website, Police hunt down spa security guard for Grade 7 student's slay. <https://news.mb.com.ph/2019/07/05/police-hunt-down-spa-security-guard-for-grade-7-students-slay/>

² Ibid.

³ CNN Philippines News Website, Calamba school shooting: Suspect was victim's registered guardian — police, <https://cnnphilippines.com/news/2019/7/5/Calamba-shooting-Renan-Valderama-guardian.html>

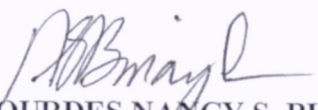
⁴ Ibid.

WHEREAS, it is high-time that Congress look into the government policies on screening and selection of registered guardians of children to avoid incidents like the slay of Mark Anthony Miranda, where the registered guardian who supposed to protect him is the one who took advantage of his youth;

WHEREAS, it is imperative for Congress, through relevant legislation and in coordination with relevant agencies, to ensure that government's policies on screening and selecting registered guardians of children would protect their rights, safety, and well-being;

BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to direct the appropriate Senate Committees to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the government's policies on screening and selection of registered guardians of dependent, neglected, abandoned, and exploited children, in light of the slay of a grade seven student by his registered guardian in Masili, Calamba City.

Adopted,


MARIA LOURDES NANCY S. BINAY
Senator