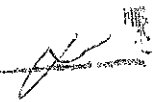


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RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY  
TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ALLEGED  
SALE OF FAKE MEDICINES TO THE GENERAL SANTOS CITY DISTRICT  
HOSPITAL

WHEREAS, Asuncion V Rodriguez, General Santos City district hospital pharmacist, said that some medicines supplied by the Davao-based DMI Medical Supplies to the General Santos City District Hospital are counterfeit, based on the laboratory analysis of the Bureau of Food and Drugs,

WHEREAS, the local government of General Santos City procured P80,569 25 worth of medicines from DMI Medical Supplies and its manufacturer KAPI International Apex Pharmaceutical,

WHEREAS, according to Rodriguez, DMI Medical Supplies has twice been reported for delivering counterfeit medicines to the General Santos City District Hospital, the counterfeit drugs allegedly delivered by DMI Medical Supplies include Cexacillin Sodium (500mg) capsules amounting to P72,451 23,

WHEREAS, according to the tests conducted by the Bureau of Food and Drugs, the Cloxacillin Sodium (500mg leoxab capsule) delivered to the hospital have less than 80 percent of active ingredients;

WHEREAS, doctors of the General Santos District Hospital affirmed that the generic drugs supplied by DMI Medical Supplies were not effective; Dr Jude Boluyan said that the generic medicine from DMI Medical Supplies, which he used as anesthesia, was not effective, the disinfectants from DMI Medical Supplies were also claimed to be diluted,

WHEREAS, Rodriguez claims that DMI Medical Supplies should also replace the fake medicines which were used in the "City Hall sa Barangay", a weekly local government medical and dental outreach program in remote villages of General Santos City,

WHEREAS, the contract of DMI Medical Supplies with the government is also being questioned because of reports that it was selling overpriced medicines, the local health board discovered that the company was selling generic antibiotics to the hospital at P400 when these can be bought at only P130.00 to P150 00 each,

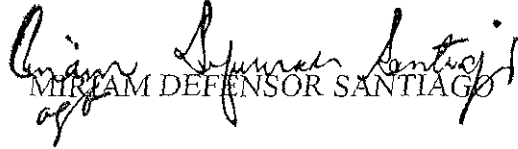
WHEREAS, according to City Administrator Rodrigo O Salangasang, chairman of General Santos City's Bids and Awards Committee, the local government is studying the filing of appropriate charges against the DMI Medical Supplies;

WHEREAS, Gina Marie Mendoza, owner of DMI Medical Supplies, has denied all allegations that the medicines they supply are fake and overpriced; she claims that all medicines they deliver bear certificates of analysis by the Bureau of Food and Drugs and are endorsed by prominent drug manufacturers;

WHEREAS, there is a need to conduct an inquiry, in aid legislation, on the alleged sale and use of fake medicines to protect the health and safety of the people;

WHEREFORE, be it resolved, as it is hereby resolved by the Philippine Senate, to direct the Senate Committee on Health and Demography to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the alleged sale of fake medicines to the General Santos District Hospital

Adopted,

  
MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO

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