

8 WANTED PERSONS IN LEYTE NABBED

Camp Ruperto K Kangleon, Palo, Leyte - PCSUPT ABNER DAYANAN CABALQUINTO , RD PRO 8 is very much grateful for the all-out support of the citizens, members from the LGUs who offered substantive information leading to the arrest of the following persons who have been charged with Attempted Homicide, Direct Assault, Attempted Murder, among other relevant offences.

In the evening of 22 February, 2008 at Brgy Sana Rosa, Barugo, Leyte elements of Barugo PS led by SPO4 Rodrigo R Astilla, Deputy COP arrested one Jaime Aringo, a resident of said place by virtue of WOA docketed under CC# 6369 for the crime of Attempted Homicide issued by Hon Buenaventura Renomeron, Presiding Judge MTC, Barugo, Leyte.

On the same date at around 3:15 pm at Bgy Castilla, Palo, Leyte, elements of Palo PS led by SPO1 Martin Pardiñas arrested one Rodel Miralles alias Palong, 26 yrs old and a resident of said place by virtue of WOA docketed under CC# 7200-2-2008 for the crime of Direct Assault upon an Agent of Person in Authority with recommended bail bond fixed at Php 12,000.00 for his temporary liberty issued by Hon Judge Raymondo Lopez of MTC, Palo, Leyte. Arrested person is detained at Palo locked-up cell for proper disposition.

Meanwhile, on 21 February, 2008 at around 2:20 pm, elements of Tabango PS led by PSI BRACIANO SANIJON JR, COP arrested one Boyet Remedio and alis Boye Cabillar, 19 yrs old and a resident of Shamrock, Pob., Tabango, Leyte by virtue o WOA docketed under CC# 1392 or the crime of Attempted Murder issued by Hon Celso Mantua, Presiding Judge of RTC Branch 17, Palompon, Leyte dated Feb 19, 2008.

For the moment, another wanted person were seized by the elements of Capoocan PS led by PINSP JORGE L AGERO, COP on 22 February, 2008 at around 2:00 pm at Brgy Balucanad, Capoocan, Leyte. Said team arrested Artemio Macol of legal age, married; Leo Del Monte of legal age both residents of said place and Alfredo Ragsao by virtue of WOA docketed under CC# 4849 for the crime o Robbery with Homicide issued by Hon Lauro Castillo Jr, Presiding Judge RTC Br 36, Carigara, Leyte.

Subsequently, on 21 February, 2008 at around 12:45 at Brgy 70, Rawis, Anibong, Tacloban Ciy, elements of Tacloban City PS led by PINSP DANIEL ALBENTO arrested one Assuncion Badenas, 34 yrs old, married and a resident of said place by virtue of WOA docketed under CC# Nr M-ORM-07-00114-CR charged for the crime of Theft with recommended bail bond fixed at Php 15,000.00 issued by Hon Judge Jushua R Palalay of MTCC, Ormoc City. Subject is now detained at Tacloban City locked-up cell for proper disposition.

Finally, on 20 February, 2008 at around 2:00 pm at Brgy Pob, Kananga, Leyte elements of Kananga PS led by SPO1 Ranulfo V Asis arrested one Roel Sanchez, 24 yrs old, married, laborer and a resident of Sitio Camalig Brgy Naugan, Kananga, Leyte by virtue

of WOA docketed under CC# M-K-07-0042 for the crime of Theft with recommended bail bond fixed at Php 10,000.00 for his temporary liberty. Subject is now detained at Kananga Municipal Jail awaiting disposition of his case.

ILLEGAL GAMBLERS IN LEYTE CHARGED

Camp Ruperto K Kangleon, Palo, Leyte - PCSUPT ABNER DAYANAN CABALQUINTO , RD PRO 8 discloses that regulated gambling is better, and safer, alternative form of gambling than allowing illegal gambling because regulated gambling can become a productive asset in Eastern Visayas.

Since the following games have no permit from the City or Municipal Hall, they were apprehended by the PRO 8 operatives to wit;

On 22 February, 2008 at around 8:30 pm at Tres Martires, Baybay City RSOG 8 operatives led by PSI REYNALDO CUNANAN GABON, C RSOG 8 apprehended one Sonny Montalban, 31 yrs old, married, driver, a resident of Brgy Upper Visinal, Mahaplag, Leyte, a confirmed illegal gambling coordinator operating within Baybay City, its adjacent barangay and nearby towns. Said suspect was caught in the act while in his possession and control of several gambling paraphernalia for "Swertres" itemized as follows: eighteen (18) pcs tally sheets for ill number games "swertres" with different number combinations and its corresponding bets all dated 02-22-08; two (2) pcs ten peso coins; fifteen (15) pcs five peso coins; twenty-five (25) pcs one peso coins; one (1) unit Honda Wave 125 motorcycle, color black without plate number and defaced both engine number and chasis number with key. Subject and the recovered evidences except the motorcycle which is now under the custody of Baybay City PS was brought to PRO8 Camp Kangleon, Palo, Leyte for documentation and proper disposition.

Next, on the same date at around 8:10 pm, elements of SWAT and Intel/Anti-vice, led by PSI ZARIUS PASILAN SERALES executed and effected Search Warrant Nr 2008-02-07 for violation of Section 3, para E of RA 9287, issued by Hon Crisologo Bitas, Vice-Executive Judge, Branch 7 RTC, Bulwagan Ng Katarungan, Tac City against Evarardo Casimero Eval Jr alias Intoy, 46 yrs old, married and a resident of same place. Said operation resulted to the arrest of the subject person and recovered from his possession the following: thirteen (13) pcs tally sheets with number combinations of swertres/pick-three and corresponding money bet, one (1) calculator, eleven (11) pcs sub with number combinations of pick-three, one (1) staple and bet money amounting to Php 410.00.

Subsequently, on the same date at around 5:15 pm at Brgy Market Site, Dulag, Leyte elements of Dulag PS led by PSI EFREN AGDA apprehended one Feleciano Topaz Jr, 47 yrs old, married, a resident of Brgy Combis, Dulag, Leyte for actual

involvement/engaging in collecting ill nr game called “Swertres”, one (1) pc improvised lotto tip, one (1) pc ballpen and bet money amounting to Php 40.00.

Further, on 21 February, 2008 at around 6:45 pm at Sitio Layog, Tabango, Leyte elements of Tabango PS led by PINSP GRACIANO SANIJON, COP apprehended Jerry Alid, Bonifacio Cayilas and Jose Mamac, all of legal ages for involvement in ill gambling “Swertres” and recovered from their possession, custody and control eight (8) pcs yellow pad tally sheets bearing number combinations of “swertres” with corresponding money bet, twelve (12) intermediate pad tally sheets of “swertres”, nine (99) pcs stub booklet for “swertres” in different sizes, bet money amounting to Ph 2,447.00, one (1) casio black calculatlor, two (2) pcs shoulder bags and one (1) cellphone charger. All suspects and confiscated items were brought by the apprehending PNP members to their respective courts of jurisdiction.

To end, on 20 February, 2008 at around 8:00 am at Brgy Milagrosa, Sta Fe, Leyte elements of Sta Fe PS led by SPO1 Geronimo Romawak while responding to a call of concern citizen they were able to arrest one Arsenio Diamante, 44 yrs old, married and a resident of Brgy Pawing, Palo, Leyte who was caught in the act of possession and control of one tally sheet with number combinations for “swertres” and corresponding bet amounting to Php 300.00. Suspect was brought to Sta Fe PS for proper disposition and filing of appropriate charges in court.

PRO 8 FIGHTS ILLEGAL FISHING ACTIVITY

Camp Ruperto K Kangleon, Palo, Leyte - Police Regional Director PCSUPT ABNER DAYANAN CABALQUINTO is serious in helping the cities and municipalities fight against illegal fishing in their area of responsibilities. In fact, he wanted that all policemen, populace, and members of the LGUs must undergo a workshop to strengthen and/or strategize on how to toughen up controls in coastal ports in order to better combat illegal, unregulated and unreported fishing.

A few days ago, elements of Barugo PS led by SPO1 Jesus M Escalera together with Fish Warden of said municipality were able to apprehend three suspects allegedly engaged in illegal fishing on 21 of February 2008 in separate operations. At around 11:10 in the evening they were able to arrest one fishing vessel owned and operated by Sulpicio Perez of Brgy Balud, Capoocan, Leyte while in the act of using trawl fishing fine mesh net.

Earlier at around 1:00 pm another fishing vessel operated by Alexandre Aguja, married and a resident of Pob Disrict 5, Barugo, Leyte was nabbed for same offense. All apprehended suspects and illegal fishing paraphernalia were brought to Barugo PS and presented to the Department of Agriculture Municipal Officer for violation of Municipal

Ordinance Number 3, series of 2002 of LGU, Barugo, Leyte. Appropriate criminal charges are now being prepared for filing in court against the suspects.

Then on the same date at around 3:30 a.m, same elements apprehended fishing vessel engaged in actual fishing using a fine mesh net owned and operated by Vecinte Ron and Leonardo Pilandi of Brgy Balud, Capoocan, Leyte for violation of Municipal Ordinance Number Three (3) of Capoocan, Leyte.

Next, on 14 February, 2008 at around 1:30 pm at seawater of Calbayog City, elements of Calbayog City PS led by SPO1 Nilo Tampandiog Martija conducted seaborne patrol that resulted to the apprehension of one F/B marked 6 Brothers skippered by Benjamin Lipasana, a resident of Brgy Obrero of Calbayog City with nine crew (9) members who were caught in the act engaged in illegal fishing activity. Appropriate charges are now being prepared for filing in court.

Lastly on the same date at around 12:30 noon, at seawater of Brgy Malajog, Calbayog City, elements of Calbayog City PS led by SPO1 Joselito Dean Serrao conducted seaborne patrol that resulted to the apprehension of one F/B marked Hahoo skippered by Toribio Carnilon of Brgy Aguit-itan, Calbayog City with eight crew members who were caught in the act of engaging illegal fishing activity. Said F/B and paraphernalia were released after posing the recommended penalty of Php 10,000.00 at CTO, Calbayog City.

RA 8294 (Illegal Possession of FA's and Ammos)

In the evening of 17 February, 2008, inside the Eclipse Retro Bar, Brgy 8, Catbalogan, Samar, one Roger Jaba, 18 yrs old, single and a resident of Purok 1, Brgy 8, Catbalogan City , Samar was apprehended by elements of Catbalogan City PS headed by SPO1 Toribio Acedillo for Illegal Possessing of an Improvised Handgun (sumpak) loaded with one live ammo of cal .9mm. An appropriate charge is now being prepared for filing in court against the suspect.

ILLEGAL FISHERS IN S/LEYTE NABBED

Camp Ruperto K Kangleon, Palo, Leyte - The Police Regional Director PCSUPT ABNER DAYANAN CABALQUINTO, directed his men to intensify their efforts to protect the bay from illegal fishing together with the local Bantay Dagat.

Further, he has been encouraging community members to report illegal fishing activities as part of its law enforcement program.

At around 9:30 in the morning of 18 February, 2008, at the seawater of Limasawa, Southern Leyte, one Edgar Angub Razon, 39 yrs old, single and one Aresio Napalan

Amorin, 41 yrs old, married, both fishermen and residents of Brgy Tagkaan, P. Burgoz, S/Leyte were apprehended by elements of Limasawa PS led by PO1 Joel Salomon on board a "Bantay-Dagat" boat who were caught in the act of engaging in illegal fishing in shallow waters without permit which is in violation of Municipal Ordinance Nr 2000-01. Said suspects were released after paying the corresponding penalty in the amount of Php 1,000.00 as first offense with OR No 2122542 issued by MTO Limasawa, S/Leyte.

PRO 8: MOVING FORWARD IN THE COMMUNITY THROUGH APPREHENDING WANTED PERSONS

Camp Ruperto K Kangleon, Palo, Leyte - Two Wanted Persons in Leyte were neutralized by PRO 8 operatives recently in separate operations.

PCSUPT ABNER DAYANAN CABALQUINTO, RD PRO 8 hopes the public will continuously support the PNP programs so it would be easier to put the criminals behind the bars as part of the broad effort to maintain peace and order.

In the afternoon of 18 Feb 2008, at Tacloban City PS, one Evelyn Mendoza, 44 yrs old, single and a resident of Lopez Jaena St., Tacloban City voluntarily surrendered to Tacloban City PS due to her pending WOA under CC# B-802-13 for Estafa with corresponding bail bond in the amount of Php 40,000.00 issued by Hon Judge Absalon Fulache, Presiding Judge of RTC Baybay, Leyte. Subject person was locked in jail waiting for the disposition of her respective case. However, suspect Evely Mendoza released after posting the required bail bond for her temporary liberty.

Meantime, elements of Dagami PS led by PSI FLORENCIO SAMONTINA arrested one Severina Obaob, 62 yrs old, married and a resident of said place by virtue of WOA under CC# BN-08-01-4328 for Qualified Theft with recommended bail bond in the amount of Php 20,000.00 issued by Hon Judge Yolanda Dagandan, Presiding Judge of RTC Branch 15, Burauen, Leyte, I the morning of 18 February, 2008, at Brgy Sampao East, Dagami, Leyte. Right now, he suspect is put in Dagami Lock-up cell for proper disposition.

ILLEGAL GAMBLING

In the evening of 11 February, 2008, at Brgy. Sto. Rosario, Macrohon, S/Leyte, elements of Macrohon PS led by SPO2 Virgilio Paloma conduced anti-illegal gambling operations which resulted to the arrest of one Eleuterio Tagnipez Ligaspe alias Nono, 35 yrs old, married and a resident of Brgy Sta. Cruz, Macrohon, S/Leyte. Confiscated from his possession and control were: twelve (12) pcs control sheets and one (1) pc summary sheets. Case is being prepared and suspect was released after reglamentary period.

PRO 8 : GO AFTER DRUGS

Camp Ruperto K Kangleon, Palo, Leyte - PCSUPT ABNER DAYANAN CABALQUINTO discloses that there is an urgent need to cleanse the community who have residents suspected to be involved in anti-drug operations if we are indeed serious about crushing the drug menace and achieving the vision of a drug-free Philippines," he said.

Elements from Ormoc CPO-IDMS-AIDSOF led by PCINSP NEIL MONTAÑO, conducted search and seizure operation on 19 February, 2008 around three o'clock in the afternoon at District 23, Osmeña St., Ormoc City.

Said operation has a standing Search Warrant Nr Nr 35-02-08 dated 18 Feb 2008 issued by Hon Judge Apolinario Buaya, Presiding Judge, Br 25, RTC, Ormoc City that resulted to the apprehension of the following: Melton Do alias Danny Do, 47 yrs old, married, jobless and a resident of District 23, Osmeña St., Ormoc City; Richard Navarro, 31 yrs old, married, driver and a resident of San Juan, Ormoc City; Renato Pino, 24 yrs old, single, jobless and a resident of Brgy Casilda, Merida, Leyte; Ian Pino, 25 yrs old, married, multicab driver and a resident of Brgy Casilda, Merida, Leyte; Ronnie Labore, 32 yrs old, married, metro aide and a resident of Brgy Can-adleng, Ormoc City; Marlo Maghanoy, 25 yrs old, single, Philphos employee and a resident of Sto Niño, Isabel, Leyte; Joan Roxas, 27 yrs old, single, jobless and resident of Sto Niño, Isabel, Leyte; Mamintal Amatunding, 35 yrs old, married, vendor and a resident of Brgy. San Pablo, Ormoc City; Marlon Tumampo, 15 yrs old, single, jobless and a resident of District 23, Osmeña St., Ormoc Ciy ; and one Louie Mar Pejana, 22 yrs old, single, jobless and a resident of Brgy Punta, Ormoc City.

Confiscated/recovered during said police operation with the presence of two (2) brgy officials of said district were: six (6) pcs medium heat sealed transparent plastic sachet containing suspected Shabu with an estimated street value of more or less Php 9,000.00 and all has an estimated weight of more or less three (3) grams and several illegal drug paraphernalia's and Php 400.00 peso bill believed to be proceeds of his illegal drug trade. Subject persons and the confiscated items were brought to Ormoc City Police Office Headquarters for proper documentation and disposition. The two (2) minors who were arrested were properly turned over to DSWD Office. Case for violation of Section 6, II and 12 of Article 2 of RA 9265 being readied for filing in court.

PRESS STATEMENT OF THE CHIEF, PNP

PDG AVELINO I RAZON JR

Friday, 08 February 2008

I reiterate my previous statement that the PNP merely acted on the request of Mr. Rodolfo “Jun” Lozada Jr. for police protection based on presumed threats to his life.

Contrary to the statements given to the media and to the Senate by Mr. Lozada, PNP personnel from the PSPO were the ones who took him from the airport and subsequently escorted him until he decided to seek refuge and reunite with his family at the De La Salle Greenhills.

From the time he was taken in, he was never restrained nor deprived of his liberty as evidenced by his ability to communicate with his loved ones whenever he so desired.

The decision on where to proceed from the airport and when to go there was his to make. He nonetheless agreed with the security procedures adopted by his police escorts to ensure that he was not being tailed by anybody and to clear any imminent threat to his life.

In my conversation with him during those times, I assured Mr. Lozada that the PNP had no other intentions but to protect his life and his family as he requested.

It is unfortunate that after taking action on his request, Mr. Lozada issued such statements that tend to degrade the institution of the national police.

Statement of

DIRECTOR GENERAL AVELINO I RAZON JR.

Chief, Philippine National Police

Delivered before the Senate Blue-Ribbon Committee

February 11, 2008

On February 05, 2008, I received a call from DENR Secretary Lito Atienza informing me of the expected arrival at 4:00 pm in Manila of Rodolfo Noel Lozada Jr., President of the Philippine Forestry Corporation, and requesting for the Philippine National Police to provide him with security upon his arrival at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport. I

understand from Secretary Atienza that Mr. Lozada had feared for his life and had requested for police assistance.

Accordingly, I called Chief Superintendent Romeo Hilomen, Director of the Police Security and Protection Office (PSPO), and requested that he arrange for PNP security for Mr Lozada. I understand from reports made to me by PCSupt Hilomen that he assigned SSupt Paul Mascariñas, Deputy Director of PSPO to form a team for this purpose. Around 5:30 pm, CSupt hilomen informed that:

Mr. Lozada had arrived at the NAIA, and

Mr. Lozada is safely under the protection of the PSPO and is in transit.

I relayed this information to DENR Secretary Lito Atienza and provided him the cellular phone number of CSupt Hilomen.

Around 11:00 pm, I received another report from CSupt Hilomen that the PSPO had brought Mr. Lozada to La Salle Greenhills. I understand that this was upon the request of Mr Lozada, that he was reunited with his family in La Salle and that the PSPO nonetheless had continued to provide Mr Lozada with security until the next day.

I continued to monitor the situation on February 06, 2008 through CSupt Hilomen. I understand that the PSPO continued to provide Mr. Lozada with security for that day, that Mr. Lozada was able to speak with his lawyer and with former Secretary Mike Defensor.

On February 07, 2008, I was told that Mr. Lozada was taken from La Salle by the Senate Sgt at Arms at around 4:00 am.

Let it be clear that there was no kidnapping nor abduction, the PSPO provided security for Lozada upon Lozada's request. The PNP did not hold him but were in fact securing his person. Lozada went with the PNP out of his own free will. Lozada was free to use his cell phone all the time. Lozada was free to leave the PNP at anytime. In fact, up to the evening of February 6, 2008, Lozada did not want to appear before the Senate. Lozada was brought by the PSPO to La Salle at his expressed request where his family was waiting.

The PNP initially kept silent regarding Lozada's wheabouts for security reasons. The PNP successfully accomplished its mission, Mr Lozada is alive and well.

Thank you.

PNP: LOZADA WAS NOT KIDNAPPED

There was no kidnapping. Lozada was a free man.

Philippine National Police Chief, Director General Avelino Razon Jr. claimed the former environment official was never kidnapped to prevent him from testifying at the Senate.

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He reiterated that PNP has accomplished its mission to keep Lozada alive and unharmed.

“The PNP initially kept silent regarding Lozada’s whereabouts for security reasons. The PNP successfully accomplished its mission, Mr Lozada is alive and well,” he stressed.

“The police drew the flak despite its highest degree of professionalism to guard the safety of Lozada upon his arrival at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport on Feb. 6,” he lamented.

He said Lozada could never be considered a kidnap victim, or having forcibly placed in the PNP custody.

“He was a free man. He was free to use his cell phone all the time. He was free to leave the PNP any time he wanted to,” he reiterated.

He said it was the mandate of PNP to safeguard anyone whose life is in danger.

“Environment Secretary Lito Atienza requested police assistance to escort Lozada, who feared for his life so we provided him with the security,” he noted.

He said PNP even brought Lozada to La Salle Green Hills dormitory to meet with his wife and children on Feb 7 around 4 p.m.

“I continued to monitor the situation on Feb. 06, 2008 through Chief Supt Romeo Hilomen. I understand that the PSPO continued to provide Mr. Lozada with security for that day, that Mr. Lozada was able to speak with his lawyer and with former Secretary Mike Defensor,” he said.

“What is important,” the Chief PNP said, “is that we secured Mr Lozada and protected him from any harm. We delivered him alive, safe and sound, and he is now talking to our Senators.

“MAMANG PULIS” COMMENDS LOZADA ESCORTS

Despite criticisms and unfair judgment passed on police escorts of Rodolfo Lozada Jr., authorities believe that the police accomplished its mission in providing security to the Senate witness.

“All’s well that ends well. We did our job, we took the flak. That’s all in a day’s work for a cop,” PNP Chief, Director General Avelino I Razon Jr. said.

“What is important,” the Chief PNP said, “is that we secured Mr Lozada and protected him from any harm. We delivered him alive, safe and sound, and he is now talking to our Senators.”

While crowds were glued on TV screens to watch the live telecast of Lozada’s testimony before the Senate Blue Ribbon Committee on Friday, the PNP Chief personally called up Senior Superintendent Paul Mascariñas to extend his commendation to the members of the security detail assigned to protect Lozada from his arrival last Tuesday until his appearance before the Upper House.

“I cannot imagine how things would have turned out had we not provided protection to Mr. Lozada,” Razon said even as he lamented some distortions in the narration of events from Lozada’s arrival to the time he appeared at the Senate hearing on Friday.

“Tue-blue professionals that they are, the team completed the mission of securing the VIP despite being put in an uncomfortable situation, and even looked down upon by some people who never understood that it was the job of the police to protect Mr Lozada and keep him alive,” Razon said.

Razon said, “these policemen would have taken a bullet for Mr Lozada had it been necessary to protect the VIP, because that’s what they are trained for and expected to do.”

Razon still believes that Lozada never intended to malign or bring down the credibility of the police in his testimony at the Senate hearing.

“Most of the bashing of the police did not come from him, but from interpellations on the floor. And Jun Lozada did not.

The Visit of the Relics of St. Therese in Region 8

21 – 23 February, 2008

The Relics of St. Therese will arrive at DZR Airport, San Jose, Tacloban City around 1:00 in the afternoon today on board on C-130. A large crowd not only from the religious sectors as well as from the Police Regional Office 8 which will render tight security to ensure peace and order ceremony, the Chief of Regional Police Community Relations Division 8, PSSUPT CESARIO ABRERA DARANTINAO JR, who just arrived from PNP Camp Crame, Quezon City after his Oath-Taking Ceremony as he was promoted one step higher from his rank --- PSUPT to PSSUPT, the populace, among others will greet and warmly welcome the said relics.

Based on the memorandum received from this Office the tentative itinerary of the relics of St. Therese will be from the DZR Airport it will be driven ceremoniously down to Sto Niño Church accompanied by lighted candles and religious songs. At around 5:00 pm there will be a mass.

Then, during the night stay in Sto Niño Church, Priests, Nuns and Devotees will watch in vigil by turns every hour. Afterwards, it will be transferred to DWU Chapel, then overnight at STPMI Chapel, Abucay, Tacloban City. Subsequently, the visit of the Reliquary will be brought to Naval, Biliran in the afternoon of 23 February. This will be a great privilege and will be a special grace for the Leyteños and Samareños. Such visit will be well-cherished and very inspiring moment for us

RIO 8 OPERATIVES ARREST RANKED 10 TH REGIONAL MOST WANTED PERSON AND THREE MORE IN EV

Camp Ruperto K Kangleon, Palo, Leyte - Elements of the Regional Intelligence Office 8 headed by PSUPT SOCORRO SULCE CEDAMON arrested Rank 10th Regional Most Wanted Person with a monetary reward of Ninety Thousand Pesos (Php 90,000.00) as per DILG Memo Circular Number 2008-09 dated January 18, 2008.

Said operatives' crackdown the Murder suspect in short period of time, to wit:

One Angelo De Guzman alias "Angel", of legal age, a resident of Brgy Canramos, Tanauan, Leyte, was neutralized/arrested and accounted for by elements of the RIO 8 led by the SPO4 Jovencio P Reposo, at Brgy Sulangan, Catbalogan City in the morning of 13 February 2008.

He was arrested by virtue of Order of Arrest issued by Hon. Santos T. Gil, Presiding Judge, 8 th Judicial Region Branch – 06, Bulwagan Ng Katarungan, Tacloban City, dated

April 11, 2006 for the crime of Murder, docketed under Criminal Case No. 2005-11-663 with no bail bond recommended.

In separate operations, local policemen nabbed two more wanted persons.

Around four o' clock of 15 February 2008, elements of TCPS led by PINSP DANIEL ALBENTO arrested one Ferdinand Advincula alias Fereds, 38 yrs old, single, a resident of Brgy 84, San Jose, Tacloban City who was charged for the crime of Malicious Mischief under CC# 99-03CR-118 with no bailbond recommended issued by Hon Paulino Cabello, Presiding Judge, MTCC 2, Tacloban City. Arrested person is presently detailed at Tacloban City Police Station Lock-up cell.

Then at around 8:30 in the evening of 14 February, 2008, team from Police Regional Mobile Group 8 led by PO3 Allan J Calceta arrested one Elang Valenzona, 55 yrs old, married, farmer and a resident of Sitio Masisi, Pob Tabango, Leyte for the crime of Murder under CC# 3864 issued by Hon Judge Delia Bertulfo, Presiding Judge, 11 th MCTC, Villaba – Tabango circuit, Villaba, Leyte. Accused was arrested at Sitio Calumbangan, Brgy Pob, Tabango, Leyte.

ILLEGAL LOGGING

The team led by PSINSP RANDY NICART JONGCO with SPO1 Eduardo Aljibe, SPO1 Sonny Olivar, PO3 Maximo Manuel, PO3 Robert Benedicto, PO2 Raul Catalo, PO1 Jimmy Alegre and Bonifacio Dado Jr were able to confiscate Eighty (80) pcs abandoned 2X8X10 red lawaan with a total of 1,066 bd/ft during their conduct of foot patrol around 10:00 in the evening of 13 February, 2008, along the riverside of Llorente River, Brgy 11, Llorente, ESamar. Said items were turned-over to the LGU of said municipality for proper disposition.

PCINSP ROSULA SABIO MAMBULAO, WCCD Officer ESPPO together with PO3 Catherine Poro, FJGSS PNCO investigate the ten (10) arrested females allegedly illegal entertainers engaging in sexual services in the different Videoke Bar of Borongan City.

PRO 8 SUPPORTS RA 9208

Camp Ruperto K Kangleon, Palo, Leyte - PCSUPT ABNER DAYANAN CABALQUINTO , RD PRO 8 continuously undertakes surveillance, investigation and arrest of individuals or persons suspected to be engaged in trafficking. In fact, PRO 8 Help Desk has been set up 24 hours a day to receive complaints and calls to assist trafficked persons and conduct rescue operations.

Just months ago, around one o' clock early in the morning, ten (10) female illegal entertainers allegedly engaging in sexual services to their customers in different Montejo Videoke Bars operating at Baybay Boulevard, Borongan City were apprehended by the elements of ESPPO led by PCI ROSULA SABIO MAMBULAO, Chief WCCD Officer.

The suspects were as follows: Gretchen Bardalo, 22 yrs old from Calbayog City; Lady Doe, 20 yrs old; Mylene Motejo, 27 yrs old both from Babatngon, Leyte and Irish Gonzales, 20 yrs old from San Jose, Llorente this province employed at Halibwayan Videoke Bar; Rebecca Alliquer, 21 yrs old from Brgy Cabay, Balangkayan this province; Juliet Sulayao, 20 yrs old and Michele E Desoloc, 25 yrs old from Brgy Cabay, Balangkayan, Eastern Samar all employed at Triple M Videoke Bar; Rona Artiga 20 yrs old from Brgy Songco Borongan City and Analyn Borja, 17 yrs old from Brgy Cabay, Balangkayan this province at Aloha Disco House.

Apprehended entertainers were brought to Borongan Police Station for proper disposition and the two minors were referred to PSWDO for protective custody. Corresponding complaint will be filed against the owners of establishments involved in violation of RA 9208.

WARNINGS DUE TO HEAVY RAINS

PCSUPT ABNER DAYANAN CABALQUINTO, strictly instructed his men to closely monitor the situation of their area of responsibility to prevent or minimize any untoward incidents due to incessant heavy rains for the last nine days from 12 – 18 February, 2008 in Eastern Visayas. He even establishes the 24 hours police help desk in every police stations and encourage the citizens any time at Hotline Number 166 or view of this website for police assistance.

Once again, he is calling each and everyone to be vigilant and to continuously monitor their areas so that they can immediately act accordingly in any situations.

As of 18 February, 2008, 3:00 pm, the situation of the provinces here in region 8 are enumerated as follows:

All road networks in Northern Samar are passable and there is an on-going monitoring for any damages by the Maintenance Engineers together with their crew. As to the present the estimated restoration cost in said area is at Php 5.0M.

For the Northern Samar II road section it has been noticed that 50 percent (50%) of the road networks are hardly passable to traffic because of flood. So, as of the moment there is an on-going hauling of materials, patching potholes and draining water on roadway by the maintenance crew in which the estimated Restoration Cost of the damaged is at Php 50M.

Meanwhile, the road section in Eastern Samar along Borongan – Guiuan Road from Macabot Bridge Approach B km 1008 + 300, vehicles cannot pass in which 12 meters approaching the said bridge has been damaged. Meantime, warning signs, bailey panels were being installed to make the road passable.

For now, the road section stationing along Wright – Taft – Borongan Road from Camp 5 (boundary) – Jet. Taft Road km 877+000 - km. 878+000 & km. 883+000 - km.886+000, small vehicles cannot go across from it due to flood at Brgy Burak Brgy Malinao, Taft, E/Samar. So, warning signs have been put-up and emergency removal debris is now on-going.

As of the moment, the road section stationing in Jet Buenavista – Lawaan – Marabut Road, km 986+000. km 991+500. km 996+000, the situation is passable to all vehicle only after two (2) hours due to landslide at Brgy Coticot, Brgy Biga & Brgy Sta Cruz. Establishing warning signs, clearing and emergency removal of debris has been done by the maintenance crew.

All in all the estimated restoration cost is Php 30M.

In Samar I area, the roads from Calbayog – Catarman Road, Brgy Cabacungan Section., Oquendo District is hardly passable because the water is up. So strict and on-going monitoring of damages has been actualized.

For the Calbayog-Catbalogan Road, Brgy Nacubi, Brgy Diaz, Gandara, Brgy Erinas, Brgy Mangkol, Brgy Anquiana, Sapinit & Brgy Aurora and San Jorge, the situation is not passable to light vehicle and PUV, so strict monitoring of the destruction has been observed due to flood.

The estimated restoration cost is at Php 8.0M

On the other hand, the road section stationing in Samar II from Wright – Taft – Road; Tenane – San Isidro Section, km 840+000. km 847+000 is not passable for any kind of vehicles because of rockslide/landslide. So the maintenance crew are having an on going clearing operation.

Then, in San Isidro – Cansolabao Section km 848+000 – km 848+050, fifty meters (50m) of it is unpassable because the whole carriageway including left shoulder is heavily damaged resulting to deep settlement to more or less 50m. The newly constructed retaining wall was also affected through massive cracking and the existing cross drainage structure (RCPC) was misaligned. So, the right shoulder serves as temporary detour road. Additional manpower and equipments are badly needed to continuously make an emergency work for road detour and setting-up warning signs.

Subsequently, in km 852+000 – km 860+500 (Cansolabao-Camp 5 Section) is not also passable due to massive landslide materials coming from mountain side totally covering the existing canal. As Dumptruck, Pay loader, Road Grader and Five (5) crew are needed to remove the materials that caused landslide and the declogging operation.

Consequently, the road section stationing from Daan Maharlika/Samar-Leyte Road, Calbiga to Sta Rita Section km 852+980- km867+000 (w/ exceptions) is hardly passable because of flood/landslides and roadslip due to embankment settlement causing cracks on asphalt pavement. Half lane road has been severely settles/collapse due to unstable embankment caused by seepage that saturates the formation. Slides coming from the mountain are totally covering the existing lined canals. Half lane road is severely collapsed due to embankment settlement. Top soil materials coming from both mountain sides are totally covering the existing lined canal. Water crossing the roadway has been removed. As of this time necessary equipment and manpower are needed for restoration work. For the meantime, an on-going maintenance work safety barrier has been installed, and later will be the sealing of cracks and temporary patching of potholes. And then, safety barrier has been established on right lane going to Tacloban. Warning signs are also set-up to avoid any traffic accident. So the Removing of slides and declogging of canal has been undertaken.

For Catbalogan North Road km 798+500-km 803+000 3,500 ln. m road section, the situation is passable. However its half lane road is severely collapsed due to embankment settlement. So there is a need of mighty mite, handtools equipments and ten (10) crew to declog such affected road.

Finally for the road section stationing Dolongan – Basey Road km 893+300- km 893+450. 150 m., the area is passable except for Waklet Bridge because of roadway flood, ditches and cross drainage clogged up. Meantime the unpaved roadway is over flooded to a depth of 0.30m surfacing materials to washed-out. For said reason Equipments such as Dumptruck, Payloader, Roadgrader, Road Roller and five (5) crew are urgently needed. So in due time, resurfacing must be done, and then bridge needs rehabilitation/improvement due to its deterioration.

As of said moment the estimated restoration cost is pegged at Php 44.70M.

At any rate, for the Leyte IV areas from Libungao – Matag-ob – Palompon Road Section. Merida – Lundag – Puting Bato – Consolation – Isabel Road, km 1108+000-1023+000 w/exe., is hardly passable because of the unpaved roadway has been aggravated, cracked

on deck and heavy scouring on Lundag spillway & river control has aggravated. So necessary precautionary warning signs has been installed.

For the Palompon – Isabel – Merida – Ormoc Road Section the situation is not passable because while approaching the Pagsanga-an Bridge it has been scoured and damaged on river control has aggravated. So, precautionary warning signs have been erected.

Right now. The estimated restoration cost is at Php 49.0M

In Tacloban Sub-District the road section from Tacloban-Baybay South Rd., km 915+250- km 916+567 the situation is passable and some of its roadway has water on it. So , later the drainage system must only be improved.

Lastly, from Picas-San Jose DZR Airport, km 910+164-km. 913+722 , Daan Maharlika km 898+178- k 907+173 and Calanipawan, km 0+000 – km 0+1493 (Jet. Picas-San Jose – DZR Airport, Jet Caiba-an), the roads are all passable. Some areas have floods but manageable, only there is a need to improve the drainage system.

As to the present and estimated restoration cost is Php 30M

Based on the Fax Message from DPWH 8, Baras, Palo, Leyte dated 18 February, 2008 a total of Php 216.70M is needed to renovate said damages.

POLICE OFFICER 2 PROMOTIONS ON THE GO

It is just befitting and appropriate that police force must be given due recognition and commendation for their well performance in maintaining the peace and order situation in their AOR.

Based on the memorandum from the Chief of Recruitment Selection Division dated 13 Feb 2008, the RPHRDD allows the submission of the requirements for CY 2008 Promotion Program for PO2 (Phase1).

According to PSSUPT EUSEBIO ADAMERO MEJOS, Chief RPHRDD that all Promotable Police Officer 1 (PO1s) with 5 years or more time-in-grade reckoned from Dec 31, 2007 who posses the following (3) qualification standards: Education, Appropriate Eligibility and training requirements, to prepare and submit the required folders for evaluation:

Folder A (one copy each):

Updated NHQ PNP PDS Form (with recent 2X2 picture in GOA)

Tab A, Appointment Order

Tab B, Appropriate Eligibility

Tab C Training Diploma

Tab D - Folder B clearances (one copy each): PLEB

Tab A, IAS/RIAS

Tab B, NBI

Tab C, NAPOLCOM

Tab D, Court

Tab E, Ombudsman

Tab F, DIDM

Tab G, Affidavit of Undertakings

Tab H, Awards (on present rank)

Tab I, PFT (1 st and 2 nd Semester CY 2007)

Tab J, Drug Test

Tab K - Folder C (three copies each):

Updated PDS (CSC Form 212 revised 2005)

Tab A, Appointment Order

Tab B, Attested Appointment (PO1)

Tab C, Diploma and TOR

Tab D, training Diploma and Order of Merit/Declaration of Graduate Tab E, Eligibility
(Authenticated by issuing agency/institution)

Tab F, Latest Service Record (secured at RPHRDD)

Tab G and IPER (1 st and 2 nd Semester CY 2007)

Tab H. All submitted documents must be authenticated from its source or by the issuing unit/office. Submit said folders NLT Feb 18 to March 5, 2008.

For more information, feel free to call at Tel No. 323-8814 and look for Engr Oswaldo Abit.

WANTED PERSONS ARRESTED IN SEPARATE OPERATIONS IN EV

Camp Ruperto K Kangleon, Palo, Leyte - The Police Regional Office 8 operatives under the guidance of PCSUPT ABNER DAYANAN CABALQUINTO, coordinate with the LGUs, Force Multipliers and the people in the community in apprehending fugitive persons wanted from around Eastern Visayas . The crimes include homicide, doable attempted murder and reckless imprudence.

PCSUPT CABALQUINTO appealed to the public help on finding Ipo and said anyone with information should contact police on a special hotline: 323-7267 or 323-3023 .

Early in the morning of 14 February, 2008 at Brgy Villa Soledad, Baybay City, elements of Baybay PS led by PO3 Eleizer Managbanag, PO3 Danilo Ruiz and PO3 Delfin Tan arrested Carlos Wenceslao, alias Junior, 33 yrs old, married, a Brgy Tanod and CAFGU member and a resident of said brgy by virtue of WOA issued by Judge Absalon Fulache, Presiding Judge RTC Branch 14, Baybay, Leyte for the crime of Homicide docketed under CC# B-08-01 with recommended bail bond fixed at Php 40,000.00 for his temporary liberty. Subject is now detained at Baybay City PS lock-up cell awaiting disposition of his case.

Then at around 8:30 am on 13 February, 2008 at Brgy. 2, Rosario, N/Samar, one Garciano Castillo, 70 yrs old, married, farmer and a resident of abovementioned place was arrested by elements of Rosario PS led by SPO2 Atencio De Peña together with SPO1 Francisco Pestaño, PO2 Rodolfo Anaviso and PO1 Anthony Din by virtue of WOA for Double Attempted Murder docketed under CC# 4809 and 4310 issued by Hon Judge Alma Acedera of RTC Branch 20, Catarman, N/Samar. Suspect was turned-over to the court concerned for proper disposition.

After that, on the same date at around 7:30 am at Brgy Central III, Terminal Area Palompon, Leyte, elements of Palompon PS led by PINSP JUDITO CONCO arrested one Josephine Miel, 42 yrs old, married, a resident of Brgy Catandoy, Palompon, Leyte by virtue of WOA issued by Judge Celso L Mantua, Presiding Judge, RTC Br 17, Palompon, Leyte for the crime of Homicide docketed under CC# P-1375. Subject person is now detained at Palompon, lock-up cell prior turn-over to court concern.

Earlier of the same date, one Florencio Bancale Bautista, 68 yrs old, married and a resident of Brgy. Lo-ok, Anahawan, S/Leyte, voluntarily surrendered to Anahawan PS. Subject person has a pending WOA issued by Hon Judge Jacinto Elle, Presiding Judge of MTC St. Bernard-San Juan, S/Leyte dated 29 Jan 2008 docketed under CC# 1974-5B for the crime of Reckless Imprudence resulting to Homicide. Subject person was presented to the issuing court for proper disposition and was later released from police custody after posting a fixed bail bond in the amount of Php 30,000.00 for his temporary liberty.

ILLEGAL GAMBLING

OOA 160530H Feb 2008 in Brgy Bonoy, Matag-ob, Leyte team led by PINSP JOSE RASMAYOR YAP while conducting mobile patrol/checkpoint at said place, apprehended one Miguelito Uyhamco, 32 yrs old, married, Filipino, a resident of Poblacion, Villaba, Leyte for violation of illegal gambling of Section 4 of RA 9287. Confiscated in the possession and control of subject person the following items, to wit; ten (10) pcs of Phil Lotto tip (swertres) with date Feb 15, 2008, two (2) pcs stub and two (2) pcs black ballpens. Subject person was brought to Matag-ob PS for further investigation prior filing of case in court.

START RIGHT HELPS BRIGHTER FUTURE. With the month long celebration of Civil Registration Month with its theme " Tamang Registro Daan Sa Kinabukasan Mo ". The Police Regional Office 8 under the command of PCSUPT ABNER DAYANAN CABALQUINTO joins the National Statistics Office's observance of such activity. This reminds the citizenry re vital elements and the importance and uses of civil registry documents.

OIC-Regional Director of NSO 8, Dir Raul F Dones and Wilma A Perante, Provincial Statistics Officer, NSO Leyte, disclosed that the Civil Registry Law requires the registration in appropriate books of all facts and acts concerning the civil status of persons from birth to death, including subsequent modification. So therefore, there is a need to give the correct information when registering at the civil registrar's office to avoid problems in the future concerning the status of a person.

For more inquiries, call at Tel No. 323-9779.

A CALL FOR PREVENTION OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE AND EXPLOITATION

Camp Ruperto K Kangleon, Palo, Leyte - The Police Regional Office 8 under the ever dynamic leadership of PCSUPT ABNER DAYANAN CABALQUINTO , extends all out support in the observance of “ 12 th National Awareness Week for the Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation" with the theme, "Ang batang lalaki ay maari rin maabusong sekswal. Pakinggan, Magsumbong, Tugunan. Bata: Magsumbong Ka, Makikinig Sila!

Personally, he together with his men remain steadfast in their efforts, hand in hand with the DSWD 8 staff to prevent, protect and facilitate recovery and reintegration of the child victims because for nths times they are the future hopes of our society. t he values we have imparted to our children today, consciously and unconsciously, will have a major impact on society tomorrow. If we continue to leave the teaching of values to chance, we, as a nation, risk losing an integral piece of our culture altogether.

The theme aims to promote awareness throughout the country on how to prevent sexual abuse and exploitation among the children, instill in the public respect for laws and ordinances related to the well-being of children and surveillance (report suspected cases to DSWD or law enforcement agencies), integrate in school curriculum topics on child abuse and exploitation and provide orientation to all sectors on Republic Act 7610 (an act providing special protection and stronger deterrence against children victims of abuse and exploitation) as well as other laws or problems relating to child abuse.

PRO 8 : KEEP AN EYE DURING RAINY SEASON

Camp Ruperto K Kangleon, Palo, Leyte - It has been raining excessively for quite sometimes; in fact some of the areas not only here in Tacloban experience the rising of flood especially if the drainage is broken. People living near the sea or on top of the hill or below the bridges with their houses built of nipa and bamboo are constantly in fear and uneasy. However, despite the heavy downpour, businesses continue. So people flock in places where they want, in which lawless elements will take the opportune to do any criminal acts. The police force in region 8 double their efforts in maintaining the security and the safety of the citizens.

With this, the Police Regional Director, PCSUPT ABNER DAYANAN CABALQUINTO, sees to it that the Police Help Desk and Hot line Numbers must be open in receiving complaints or assistance or calls 24 hours a day. Additional police men are installed especially in the so-called accidents or calamity prone areas to strictly monitor and immediately respond in case any untoward incidents will occur.

Aside from this, massive information drive re adopting appropriate contingency measures during rainy season has been done not only in the police regional offices but down to the municipal police stations so that these police officers will re-echo the safety measures to the constituents in the barangay level. To mention few of some safety tips:

Please ensure that all the switches are off before going to sleep so that any electrocution may not occur.

Properly earthen their electrical appliances and replace or tape all worn out wires and not to touch electrical appliances / cables with wet hands.

Be careful and attentive while using Electric Water Pumps and other Electrical appliances. Public is requested not to tie their pets and cattle with the poles and towers especially in these rainy days. Females are also requested to avoid usage of metal wires for drying clothes and not to touch the washing machine with wet hands without switching it off. Please keep a mate under your foot while pressing the clothes.

when the weather becomes unsettled, engineering staff on sites should ensure that all scaffoldings and hoardings are secured and all canvas removed;

proprietors of container handling yards should take special precautions such as limiting the stacking height of containers and using stacking fittings or lashings to stabilize the containers, in particular the exposed rows;

employers should ask employees to suspend work and provide a safe place for them to take temporary shelter when the weather turns unstable, and work should only be resumed when the weather conditions permit;

when the weather is clear, contractors and container yard proprietors should check site conditions thoroughly and carry out the necessary repairs or rectifications to ensure site safety before work resumes.

For police assistance or inquiries, call at Telephone Number 323-7267 or 323-3023.

PRO 8 SALUTES DRDA PROMOTION

Camp Ruperto K Kangelen, Palo, Leyte - PRO8 Officers Men, Women and Non-Uniformed Personnel under the headship of PCSUPT ABNER DAYANAN CABALQUINTO salute the newly promoted Deputy Regional Director for Administration PSSUPT REY LAQUIHON LAÑADA to Police Chief Superintendent recently who took his oath at PNP Camp Crame, Quezon City.

According to our Regional Director, we are very lucky to have an officer step up and take on the new challenges and greater responsibilities in serving the people in Eastern Visayas per se.

Let him be an epitome to other police men as a good police officer not only within the organization but also to the communities he has served and will serve.

PCSUPT LAÑADA entered in the police service late of 70s as Junior Officer at 57 th PC Ranger BN, Maramag, Bukidnon. From there he worked very hard to the ladder of success and to earn promotions which he truly deserved. It was at the PNP-PRO CALABARZON, Camp Vicente Lim, Laguna where he held the longest position as Chief of the Regional Comptrollership and Finance Division. In every assignments he hold it helps him in harnessing his administrative and operational skills efficiently and effectively coupled with numerous trainings and seminars here and abroad in which one of it was at the Asia Pacific Center for Security Studies, Honolulu, Hawaii USA regarding the Comprehensive Security Responses to Terrorism.

Moreover, as the Field Commander in Palawan Provincial Police Office, this unit was adjudged as the Best PPO of the Year (1994) by the ACCPI and he was pronounced as the Best Staff Officer of the Year in PRO 5 by the FBINA Organization.

With this, he is encouraging all the PNP personnel to work together and give the best ability to deliver what is required of their duties and functions.

Clarifying “ Human Security Act 2007”. PSUPT GEORGE ALMADEN , PRO 8 Legal Officer discusses comprehensively re RA 9372 “Human Security Act of 2007” during the conduct of regular Police Information and Continuing Education (PICE) to all PNP personnel at PRO8 Parade and Grandstand, Camp Kangleon, Palo, Leyte.

Basically such policy intends to protect life, liberty and property of a person from acts of terrorism through upholding the basic rights and fundamental liberties of the people as enshrined in the Constitution upon the implementation of the policy.

Then he said that based on the 1987 Constitution provides that “no person shall be deprived of life, liberty, or property without due process of law, nor shall any person be denied the equal protection of the laws.” (Section 1, Article 3.) Thus, no search warrant or warrant of arrest should be issued except upon probable cause to be determined personally by a judge after examination under oath or affirmation of the complainant and the witnesses he may produce (Section I, Article 3, id.).

Further, he said that when making an arrest by virtue of a warrant, the officer should inform the person to be arrested of the cause of the arrest and the fact that a warrant had been issued for his arrest, except when he flees or forcibly resists before the officer has opportunity to so inform him, or when the giving of such information will imperil the arrest. (Section 7, Rule 113, id.).

Lastly, when making an arrest without a warrant, the officer should inform the person to be arrested of his authority and the cause of the arrest, unless the latter is either engaged in the commission of an offense, is pursued immediately after its commission, has escaped, flees, or forcibly resists before the officer has opportunity to so inform him, or when the giving of such information will imperil the arrest (Section 8, Rule 113, id.), he concluded.

WINNING THE WAR ON THE ARREST OF WANTED PERSONS IN EV

Camp Ruperto K Kangleon, Palo, Leyte - The PRO 8 Regional Director PCSUPT ABNER DAYANAN CABALQUINTO is so determine in strengthening penalties through getting-tough laws for persons who committed crimes against the laws.

In four days time, Eastern Visayas operatives captured a total of twelve wanted persons in EV to wit:

At around 10:30 evening on 12 February, 2008 at Brgy Hibunawon, Jaro, Leyte elements of Jaro MPS led by PINSP SOLOMON AUJERO arrested one Basilio Camino, 28 yrs old, married and a resident of said place by virtue of WOA under CC# 99-07288 for the crime of Attempted Murder with recommended bailbond fixed at Php 120,000.00 issued by Hon Leonilo B Apita, Presiding Judge RTC Branch, Bulwagan ng Katarungan, Tacloban City. Subject person is locked in jail awaiting for the disposition of his case.

Then in the morning of 12 February, 2008, elements of TCPS led by PINSP DANIEL ALBENTO arrested one Pablo Gagabo-an, 27 yrs old, single and a resident of said place by virtue of WOA under CC# 2007-10-CR-17 with recommended bailbond fixed at Php

500.00 issued by Hon Wenceslao B Vanilla, Presiding Judge of MTC Branch 2, Tacloban City.

Same through with the police elements in St Bernard MPS, Southern Leyte led by SPO3 Pascualito Bulawan Jr together with three (3) PNCOs effected the arrest of one Efren Quiban on 11 February, 2008 at around 6:20 in the evening at Brgy Lipanto, St Bernard, S/Leyte.

The suspect was 40 yrs old, married, driver and a resident of aforementioned brgy by virtue of WOA issued by Hon Hermes B Montero, Executive Judge of RTC, Branch 26, San Juan, S/Leyte docketed under CC Nr 1617 for the crime of Acts of Lasciviousness in relation to RA 7610. Subject person was brought to said MPS for documentation and subsequently presented to issuing court for proper disposition.

Then again, on 11 February, 2008 at around 1:05 pm at Vivero St., Tolosa, Leyte, PINSP DANIEL ALBENTO, Chief Warrant Section of Tacloban City Police Station arrested one Ralph Margarito Muiña also known as Chito, 43 yrs old, married and a resident of aforesaid place charged for Violation of Section, Para (E) (2) of RA 9262, Anti-Violation Against Women and Children Act of 2004 by virtue of WOA docketed under CC# 2007-12-644 with recommended bailbond of Php 16,000.00 issued by Hon Crisologo Bitas, Presiding Judge of RTC Branch 7, Tacloban City. Subject person is now detained at Tacloban City PS lock-up cell.

Another Wanted Person captured, around noon time on 11 February 2008 at the vicinity of Bibiro St., Tolosa, Leyte, elements of Tolosa MPS led by PSI EDGARDO F ESMERO arrested one Ralph Margarito Quina, of legal age and a resident of said place by virtue of WOA under CC# 2007-12-444 for violation of Section 5, Para (E) (2) RA 9262 Anti-Violence Against Women and Children, Act of 2004 with recommended bailbond fixed at Php 60,000.00 issued by Hon Crisologo Bitas, Presiding Judge RTC Branch 7, Bulwagan Ng Katarungan, Tacloban City.

Followed by an apprehension of PO3 Joaquin Avorque Jr of one Josaldo Cubilla, 31 yrs old, married, farmer, a resident of Brgy Lukay, San Miguel, Leyte charged for the crime of Theft under CC# 4684, issued by Hon Crisostomo L Garrido, RTC Br 13, Carigara, Leyte on 11 February, 2008 at around 11:00 am. Subject person is now at San Miguel PS lock-up cell.

Finally, on 09 February, 2008 at around 10:00 am at Brgy Cangcosme, Palompon, Leyte, a team from Palompon PS led by PINSP JUDITO N CINCO arrested Renante Igot, Ma Ken Nailon, Ricky Igot, Julito Eli and Ricky Sagalda, all of legal ages and residents of said place, accused for the crime of Malicious Mischief under CC # 7790 by virtue of WOA issued by Hon Judge Villa N Bertulfo, MTC Judge Palompon, Leyte, Subject persons are now detained at BJMP Palompon, Leyte awaiting trial.

ILLEGAL GAMBLING

On 12 February, 2008 at around 4:00 pm, elements of Mayorga MPS led by SPO2 Rolando Tupaz arrested one Custolo Balano for having in his possession and control computer copy of analyzer dated 11 Feb 2008 and lotto "swertres" tip dated 12 Feb 2008 and bet money amounting to Php 20.00. While in the process of searching, recovered also from his possession and control was a short bladed weapon about 9.5 inches long tucked on his waist. Subject person is now locked in jail awaiting for proper disposition of his case.

PRO 8: FIGHT AGAINST ILLEGAL DRUGS MENACE

Camp Ruperto K Kangleon, Palo, Leyte - PCSUPT ABNER DAYANAN CABALQUINTO , RD PRO 8 explains that person using drugs becomes less able to do well in school, sports, and other activities. It's often harder to think clearly and make good decisions. People can do dumb or dangerous things that could hurt themselves - or other people - when they use drugs.

So, if you think someone is using drugs, the best thing to do is to tell an adult that you trust: the police, parent, other relative, teacher, coach, or school counselor. The person might need professional help to stop using drugs.

Recently, an incident of violation of Illegal Drugs occurred on 11 February, 2008 at around 3:35 in the afternoon, joint elements of Leyte PAISOTF led by PINSP JESUS SON, C PAIDSOFT and Tanauan PS led by PSINSP COROLLA, COP Tanauan PS conducted buy bust operation at the vicinity of Brgy San Miguel, Tanauan, Leyte that resulted to the arrest of one Bernardo Udtuhan Abarca alias Songyo, a resident of Brgy San Miguel, Tanauan, Leyte. During the mentioned buy-bust operation bought from the suspect by the police officer who acted as poseur buyer were four (4) tea bags of suspected marijuana with an estimated street value of two hundred pesos. Recovered from his actual possession and control were two (2) pcs one hundred peso bills with SN N26701 and RL 335904 used as marked money, one (1) pc of suspected marijuana rapped in a white paper and eight (8) tea bag of suspected marijuana with an estimated street value of five hundred pesos. Immediately suspect was brought to the house of Brgy Chairman of Brgy San Miguel, Tanauan, Leyte for presentation and for the conduct of inventory of seized items as required in Section 21, Paragraph 1 of RA 9165. Subsequently, suspect was brought to office of the PAIDSOFT, San Jose, Tacloban City for proper disposition and to PNP Crime Lab Office 8 for drug urine test and subsequently to Tacloban City lock-up cell for safekeeping. Case for violaion of Section 5 and 11 of Article II, RA 9165 is being prepared for filing in court against the suspect.

FIRST SEMESTRAL FITNESS TEST CY 2008 SETS IN MARCH

Camp Ruperto K Kangleon, Palo, Leyte - The Regional Director of PRO 8 strongly suggests that all “Mamang Pulis” of this region should maintain a level of physical fitness not only to benefit them personally but to assist them in safely carrying out their duties. The health benefits from an active lifestyle, which includes physical activity and healthy lifestyle, will increase productivity, optimize health, and decrease absenteeism while maintaining a higher level of readiness and fitness for duty, according to RPO 8 Spokesperson PSSUPT CESARIO ABRERA DARANTINAO JR.

With this, the First Semester Fitness Test for the Calendar Year 2008 will start on 4 – 12 March, 2008 simultaneously with all Provincial Police Offices, City Police Offices, Municipal, Group and National Support Units. Physical Fitness Test performers will be bracketed according to age groups as follows:

29 yrs old below

30 yrs old to 34 yrs old

35 yrs old to 39 yrs old

40 yrs old to 44 yrs old

45 yrs old to 49 yrs old and

50 yrs old above.

Respective Provincial Directors, Group Directors, Chiefs of Police will be responsible for the scheduling of PFT at their units/offices. All personnel from highest rank down to Police Officer 1 will undergo PFT regardless of sex and age. Only those personnel who are due for compulsory retirement within one (1) year at fifty-five (55) years old at the time of their PFT are exempted to undergo the same. Personnel who availed for optional or early retirement can only be exempted from PFT upon approval of their optional retirement application by the NAPOLCOM. Personnel thirty (30) yrs old and above are required to undergo ECG examination. Provincial Directors, Group Director PRMG 8 and CD OCPO will undergo PFT at their respective offices. In this regard, desire make representation with your respective local provincial/municipal health officers to ensure that no untoward incident will happen during the PFT. Uniform during the PFT. PCOs- white shirt with collar and short pants and PNCOs – white t-shirt and short pants. Basketball shirts are strictly prohibited.

PRO 8 NOW ACCEPTS NEW POLICE OFFICERS 1 APPLICANTS

Camp Ruperto K Kangleon, Palo, Leyte - To boost the competency of the police force here in Region 8, it is now accepting qualified applicants for the position of Police Officer 1 and its recruitment will start on March 2008, according to PSSUPT CESARIO ABRERA DARANTINAO JR, PRO 8 Information Officer.

The general duties of the police work involve responsibility for the protection of life and property; the prevention, detection and investigation of crime; and for maintaining law and order.

Based on the memorandum signed by PSSUPT EUSEBIO ADAMERO MEJOS, Chief of the Regional Personnel and Human Resource and Development Division (RPHRDD), the minimum qualifications pursuant to NAPOLCOM MC 2007-009 are specified as follows:

must possess a formal Baccalaureate Degree

must be at least 1.62 meters or 5ft and 4 inches in height for males and 1.57 meters or 5 ft and 2 inches in height for females

must not be less than 21 or more than 31 yrs of age

must be eligible in accordance with the standards set by the commission which are NAPOLCOM PNP Entrance and RA 6506 (Licensed Criminologists) and

must have no pending criminal case.

All interested applicants are encouraged to prepare the following initial requirements for application:

duly filled up Personal Data Sheet

xerox of Live Birth Certificate from NSO

xerox of Transcript of Records and Diploma authenticated by School Registrar

xerox of Report of Rating of his/her eligibility authenticated by the issuing agency and clearances-barangay, police, MTC/RTC and NBI.

For now, the Police Regional Director PCSUPT ABNER DAYANAN CABALQUINTO, calls out to all eligible aspirants who want to make a difference by serving and protecting its community to be part of the PRO 8 police force.

For details, call at Telephone Number 323-8814 and look for Engr Oswaldo Abit.

ONE OF THE ILLEGAL GAMBLING VIOLATORS, A BRGY KAGAWAD, DETAINED

Camp Ruperto K Kangleon, Palo, Leyte - The Police Regional Director PCSUPT ABNER DAYANAN CABALQUINTO clarifies that regulated or heavily controlled gambling is acceptable by the government because it provides significant government revenue, but if it has no license or approval by the government then definitely it is prohibited because in one way or another it has an adverse social consequences.

So I would like to commend the operatives together with the support of the citizens the success of the following operations, to wit:

On 09 February, 2008 at around 7:00 pm at Sitio Cabatagan, Brgy Hubang, Alang-alang, Leyte, and elements of Alang-alang PS led SPO2 Renerio Sister apprehended one Rodolfo Mendoza, 38 yrs old, married and allegedly involved in illegal gambling locally known as "Swertres." Confiscated from his possession and control were 13 pcs tally sheets bearing different number combinations for "Swertres" with corresponding bet money amounting to Php 40.50, two (2) stubs, one (1) pc calculator, and one (1) red HD2 Kawasaki MC with plate number GM7325. Incidental to his arrest, a 9mm pistol with SN 313498166 with one magazine and 7 pcs live ammos were recovered from his possession and control. Said PS is now filing appropriate charges in court against the suspect and is now under the custody at their respective MPS.

After that, on 08 February, 2008 at around 7:45 in the morning at Brgy Pange, Jaro, Leyte, elements of Jaro PS led by PINSP SOLOMON O AUGERO apprehended one Salvador Berdan, 23 yrs old, married and a resident of Brgy Parasan, Jaro, Leyte allegedly involved in illegal number games locally known as "Swertres". Confiscated from his possession and control were five (5) pcs tally sheets bearing different number combinations of "swertres" with corresponding bet money, one (1) pc improvised lotto tips and bet money amounting to Php 490.00 in different denominations.

Afterward, on 05 february, 2008 at around 3:00 in the afternoon, along the National Highway, Brgy Maramag, Balangkayan,E/Samar, elements of ESPPO led by SPO2 Edgar Cepe Alpez together with 4 PNCOs conducted anti-illegal gambling operation on the above mentioned place one Wiberto Campo, 59 yrs old, married, a Brgy Kagawad of said barangay and was in charge of the cockfighting activity. Recovered from that operation were the bet money amounting to three hundred thirty eight pesos (Php 338.00) and two (2) fighting cocks with gaffs from one Anthony Comillo, 28 yr old, married, tricycle driver and a resident of Brgy Guinpoliran, Balangkayan and one from Richard Veloso, 27 yrs old and a resident of Brgy Maramag same municipality. Confiscated items and arrested persons were brought to ESPPO for recording purposes and subject persons were released from the PNP custody later several hours for lack of material time to submit for inquest proceeding. ESPPO is now preparing appropriate Criminal Action against them.

Finally, on 04 February, 2008 at around 1:00 pm, elements of ESPPO led by SPO2 Edgar Alpez together with 7 PNCOs responded to a phone call from Brgy Chairman Exiqwuil

Alota of Brgy Cabay, Balangkayan, E/Samar that there is an illegal cockfighting activity in the area. Upon receiving of said info PNP team immediately proceed to the reported place and at about 1500H same date they arrested a certain Juan Elpedez and Teofilo Ambal engaging in illegal cockfighting activity while the rest scampered away upon noticing the raiding team. Recovered/confiscated one (1) fighting cock with gaff owned by Tefilo Ambal and arrested persons were brought to ESPPPO for recording purposes and for preparing appropriate charges in court against the subject persons.

ILLEGAL LOGGING

OOA 042130 February 2008, along the Provincial Road, Brgy Putong, San Julian, E/Samar, team led by PINSP NONITO SUAZULA together with PO3 Auldre Desolor, PO3 Allan Balano and PO1 Marcial Ditalo recovered abandoned illegally sawn lumber with different dimensions having estimated volume of 118 bd ft. Recovered lumbers are now in the custody of San Julian PS for proper disposition.

PRO 8 NABS ROBBERY INCIDENT

Camp Ruperto K Kangleon, Palo, Leyte - PRO8 Spokesman, PSSUPT CESARIO ABRERA DARANTINAO JR said that once again the police force proved that they are not sitting on the job. He hopes that with the continued trust and cooperation of the citizens in solving crimes, this will lead to early solution of crimes committed.

The elements of Tacloban City Police Station together with the Brgy Tanods of Brgy 25, Tacloban City were lauded for their successful apprehension of suspects of robbery that transpired on 07 February, 2008 at around 12:45 noon at corner Justice Romualdez and Juan Luna St., Tacloban City.

It was reported that a certain Grace Nalda, 25 yrs old, single and a resident of Caibaan and Sol Rolet Penola, 23 yrs old, single and a resident of Brgy 75 Esperas Avenue, all of Tacloban City and both employed as Credit Analyst of Couedata Inc, 3 rd Floor Insular Bldg, Avenida Veteranos, Tacloban City were held-up by suspects identified as Kim Octaviano, married, Construction Worker and a resident of Brgy 59 Sagkahan and Alfredo Abdon, 22 yrs old, married, jobless and a resident of Brgy 60, all of Tacloban City.

Initial investigation disclosed that while victims were walking heading towards Real St when suspects suddenly appeared from behind both armed with a bladed weapon and divested the following: one (1) unit Nokia Cellphone worth Php 4,800.00 from Grace Nalda and one unit Nokia Cellphone worth Php 2,200.00 from Sol Rolet.

Said suspects fled on foot after the incident but were apprehended later by responding Brgy Tanods of Brgy 25, Tacloban City. Recovered from the possession and control of the suspects were two (2) units of Nokia Cellphone. Then afterwards, a case of Robbery is now being prepared for filing in court against the suspects.

**ONE OF THE FOUR WPs LEYTE CONFRONTS BAILBOND PEGGED AT PHP
200,000.00**

Camp Ruperto K Kangleon, Palo, Leyte - PCSUPT ABNER DAYANAN CABALQUINTO, RD PRO 8 revealed that t he person should be considered innocent until proven guilty.

Moreover, if any member of the public has any information about one of the wanted persons here in Eastern Visayas, we gladly appreciate it if they will coordinate and contact the police in the place where the person has been located or identified in order to arrest such wanted persons.

To run down current hold down wanted persons: on 08 February, 2008 at around 5:00 pm, elements from CMG-OCPO led by Anatacio E Agullo Jr, GD CMG, arrested Adena Lumaag, businesswoman and a resident of Sitio Gungab, Albuera, Leyte by virtue of a WOA for violation of Article 183 of the RPC under CC# M-ORM-08-00046-CR issued by Judge Joshua Palalay of MTCC, 8 th Judicial Region, Ormoc City. She is now detained.

In another operation, on 08 February, 2008 at around 1:00 pm at Sitio Buaya, Brgy Sabang, Palompon, Leyte, elements of Palompon PS led by PINSP JUDITO CINCO arrested one Ronnie Cedilla, 40 yrs old, married and a resident of said place by virtue of WOA docketed under CC# P-1379 for violation of RA 7610 Child Abuse issued by Hon Judge Celso Mantua of RTC Branch 17, 8 th Judicial Region, Palompon, Leyte.

After that, on 07 February, 2008 at around 5:30 in the afternoon at Brgy Caibaan, Tacloban City, elements of Palo PS in coordination with Tacloban PS led by SPO3 Alejandro Repusar arrested one Roger Hembra of legal age and a resident of Brgy Campetik, Palo, Leyte by virtue of WOA docketed under CC# 2007-11-607 with recommended bailbond of Php 200,000.00 issued by Hon Judge Santos Gil of RTC Branch 6, Bulwagan ng Katarungan, Tacloban City. Arrested persons were now locked-up in jail awaiting disposition of their respective case.

Finally, early in the morning of 06 February, 2008 at Calubian, Leyte elements Calubi-an PS led by SPO1 William Tabla apprehended one Dominador Aballe, 37 yrs old, married and a resident of Brgy Kawayan, Calubi-an, Leyte by virtue of WOA docketed under

CC# 3233 for the crime of Simple Theft issued by MTC Calubi-an, Leyte. Subject is now detained at Calubi-an lock-up cell awaiting disposition of his case.

PRO 8 NETS TWO DRUG USERS IN LEYTE

Camp Ruperto K Kangleon, Palo, Leyte - The Police Regional Office 8 has scored another gain in its continuing campaign against the proliferation of illegal drugs in the province with the arrest of two suspected drug pushers in two separate anti-illegal drugs operation and the confiscation of several sachets of shabu.

PSSUPT CESARIO ABRERA DARANTINAO JR , Chief, Regional Police Community Relations Division, said that the arrest of these users is a result of the intensified campaign of the Philippine National Police to eradicate the illegal drug menace in the province. He added that with this development, he expect others to follow suit since the government is very serious in its campaign to minimize, if not totally eliminated the illegal drug problem in the country. PRO 8 will continue to conduct intensified anti-narcotics operations in the next few days, he averred.

Joint elements of Villaba PS led by PSINSP EDGARDO ENCINA and PAIDSOTF Leyte led by PINSP JESUS SON conducted buy-bust operation at Lilo-an II St., Brgy Pob Del Sur, Villaba, Leyte on 07 Feb 2008 which resulted to the arrest of William Damiar Caballero and Cecilia Jason Sumalinog. Recovered from their possession and control were the following: one unit motorcycle (sym) color red; four (4) pcs sachet of suspected shabu; one (1) pc five hundred peso bill and a cash money amounting to Php 700.00. An appropriate charge is now being prepared for filing in court.

PRO 8: MIND CARING FOR OUR MARINE WILDLIFE

Camp Ruperto K Kanglen, Palo, Leyte - PCSUPT ABNER DAYANAN CABALQUINTO, RD PRO 8 declared that illegal fishing using fine net is one of the serious global problems. It puts unsustainable pressure on fish stocks, marine wildlife and habitats, subverts labor standards and distorts markets. So, I am encouraging the fishermen to resort to legal ways in catching fishes to save killings of the fingerlings.

Just a few days ago, 08 February, 2008 at around 7:20 am, joint elements of Philippine Coast Guard and CMG-OCPO led by SN1 Jaime M Losbanos of Phil Coast Guard conducted seaborne patrol operation in the seawater of Ormoc City. They were able to

apprehend one motor banca owned by Purita M Cubos actually engaged in illegal fishing using fine fish net at the seawaters of Brgy Ipil, Ormoc City. Fishing paraphernalia together with arrested persons namely; Jose Cubos, Michael Rivero and Jojo De La Cruz all residents of Sitio Panalian Brgy Ipil, Ormoc City were brought to Bantay Dagat Office, Ormoc City for proper disposition and filing of appropriate charges in court.

TWO SUSPECTED BRGY TANODS AND TWO MORE RESTRAINED DUE TO STABBING INCIDENT

Camp Ruperto K Kangleon, Palo, Leyte - A member of 603 rd Infantry Battalion Philippine Army based in Brgy Opong, Catubig, Northern Samar was mauled and stabbed on 07 February, 2008 at around 8:00 in the evening at Brgy Rawis, Laoang, N/Samar.

The victim SSgt Roque Pamellaran, 55 yrs old, married was beaten and pierced by suspects Ruben Gulian, 39 yrs old, married; Patrocinio Villocero, 38 yrs old, married, both Barangay Tanods and Edwin Estillana, 32 yrs old, vehicle dispatcher, all residents of Brgy Rawis, Laoang, N/Samar who were armed with a small bolo, hitting the victim on different parts of his body. Right after the incident said victim was brought to GB Tan Memorial Hospital for medical treatment while the two barangay tanod suspects were turned-over to Laoang PS by Brgy Captain Jason Sarmiento, and the other suspect Edwin Astilla evaded arrest.

The two suspects are now detained at the Laoang lock-up cell while the other suspect is still at large.

Subsequently, another stabbing incident occurred on 07 February, 2008 at around 5:20 in the afternoon at Brgy. Talalora, Palapag, Northern Samar.

It was reported that the suspect Lito Gerallo, 25 yrs old , married, fisherman and a resident of Brgy Talalora, Palapag, N/Samar armed with a long bolo locally known as sundang, attacked and stabbed the victim Sofronio Ponce alias Punay, legal age, single, fisherman and a resident of the same hitting the latter on his body.

Said victim was brought to N/Samar Provincial Hospital for medical attention but was later pronounced dead by the attending physician while the suspect was arrested by the responding elements of Palapag MPS.

Meantime, PSSUPT ANTONIO GABAY DE LA CRUZ, Provincial Director of Northern Samar Provincial Police Office assured the public that his men will look into all circumstances surrounding the incident and will do suitable action to give justice to the victims.

STRENGTHENING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMS FOR PREVENTION OF JUVENILE DELINQUENCY

With the implementation of RA 9344, an act establishing a comprehensive juvenile justice and welfare system, creating the juvenile justice and welfare council under the department of justice, the PRO 8 law enforcers beg to the parents or guardian of the minors caught in doing any criminal acts in the society to please be responsible in nurturing and rearing the “Hope of the Next Generation” --- their children.

For the past few years, these minors have been used as an instrument in doing unlawful acts such as robbery, theft, among others because they are spared from being penalized which prompted their parents to continuously do the same illegal acts, according to the guests of police weekly radio program dated 090900H February, 2008; PSINSP ISMAEL V LANTAJO, COP – Abuyog Leyte, PSINSP DANIEL L ECLIPSE, COP – Lapaz Leyte and PSINSP ATILANO A ADONA, COP – Javier Leyte, dubbed as “Pulis An Darangpan”, at Radyo Diwa, DYDW, San Jose, Tacloban City, hosted by SPO1 Ma Cecinia Vallejera Ragay of RPCRD-PRO 8.

But with the concerted efforts from the concerned staff from the DSWD 8, churches, LGUs, tri- media and schools in EV, in one way or another, they are able to mould, educate these so called juvenile delinquents for them to change their wrong doings.

EXTRA PRECAUTIONSDURING VALENTINES DAY

This Valentines Season, business in the downtown area will be in full swing and a lot of parties, activities will be conducted such as the Junior Senior Prom, Ball Night, King and Queen of Hearts and the likes. Such occasion will be taken advantage by the lawless elements in doing their unlawful acts such as robbery, theft, snatching among others. Because of these, PCSUPT ABNER DAYANAN CABALQUINTO, RD PRO 8, urges the general public to be very vigilant while celebrating Valentines Day with their loved ones. In fact he has tapped the force multipliers and put additional cops on busy-streets to boost police visibility in all areas of the city. Security checks in crowded areas like establishments and transport stations are expected to tighten, people should understand that it’s for their safety and protection. Thus, the public must stay calm, alert and cooperate with the police personnel who are implementing strict security measures, further cites PCSUPT CABALQUINTO.

Further, all Chiefs of Police were instructed to intensify its active checkpoint operations for vehicles coming in and going out of the city. He hopes that with the establishment of police checkpoints in strategic places in the city, residents as well as tourists and investors will feel safe and secure as they go about their daily activities here. “We are

strengthening our strong points to stop gambling, drugs, theft and other organized crimes in Eastern Visayas,” he added

“2008 METROBANK SEARCH FOR COPS”

The “2008Metrobank Search for the Country’s Outstanding Policemen in Service (COPS)” is now open to all qualified and interested policemen in the service. This is an annual joint project among the Philippine National Police, Metrobank Foundation, the Rotary Club of New Manila East and PSBank.

Here, the heroism and good deeds of individual policeman will be rewarded by their sacrifices through a nationwide search. PCSUPT ABNER DAYANAN CABALQUINTO, RD PRO 8 said that I believe that policemen must be given due recognition because they have dedicated in improving the quality of life through enhancing their service and performing with competence and integrity, Through COPS every year have recognized dozens of public officers who are models of excellence not only for their services but also beyond what is deemed as common peace keeping effort, such as the role played by the individual nominee in moving the community towards peace and development.

For more information visit the following websites: www.pnp.gov.ph and www.mbfoundation.org.ph. or call at Telephone Number 323-8683 and look for Ms Imelda V Avila.

ONE OF THE SIX WANTED PERSONS IN LEYTE FACES Php 24,000 BAILBOND

Camp Ruperto K Kangleon, Palo, Leyte - The PRO 8 Regional Director PCSUPT ABNER DAYANAN CABALQUINTO voices out his concern a need for the citizens to cooperate in arresting wanted persons in Region 8. We in the PNP are committed to trust all of you, enough to know that when one is threatened, we are here to offer protection, he said.

Because, if we work together it would be easier for our operatives to nab them, he added.

On 06 February, 2008 at around 4:10 in the afternoon NHA, Palo, Leyte, elements of Tacloban City PS led by PINSP DANIEL ALBENTO apprehended one Marites Folio, 35 yrs old, married and a resident of said place by virtue of WOA under CC Nrs 2007-05-

CR-10, 2007-05-CR-14, 2007-05-CR-15, 2007-05-CR-16, 2007-05-CR-18 and 2007-05-CR-19 issued by Hon Wenceslao B Vanilla, Presiding Judge of MTCC Branch 2, Tacloban City with corresponding bail bond of Php 22,000.00 for the crime of Estafa. Subject person is now detained at Tacloban City PNP lock-up cell for proper disposition.

Then on the same date at around 2:30 in the afternoon at Brgy 96, Sitio Tigawon, Kalipayan, Tacloban City, elements of Tacloban City PS led by PI NOEL MONDRAGON apprehended one Rodulfo Maceda alias "Taik", 25 yrs old, single, jobless and a resident of said place by virtue of WOA under CC# 2008-01-08 issued by Hon Rogelio Ceason, Presiding Judge of RTC Branch 9, Bulwagan ng Katarungan, Tacloban City with corresponding bail bond of Php 24,000.00 for the crime of Theft.

Earlier on that date at Brgy 87, Manlurip, San Jose, Tacloban City, elements of Tacloban City PS led by PINSP DANIEL ALBENTO apprehended one Tente Cañete, 31 yrs old, single, a resident of said place by virtue of WOA under CC# 2008-01CR-51 issued by Hon Sylvia Pocpoc Lamoste, Presiding Judge of MTCC Branch 1, Tacloban City with corresponding bail bond of Php 2,000.00.

In that case, on 05 February, 2008 at around 1:30 in the afternoon at Brgy Cayare, San Miguel, Leyte, elements of San Miguel PS led by SPO4 Romulo Labaclado arrested one Vicente Sabando, 33 yrs old, married, driver and a resident of Brgy Sta Cruz, San Miguel, Leyte by virtue of WOA under CC# 1085 for the crime of Reckless Imprudence with Multiple Slight Injuries issued by Hon Judge Norberto Hobayan of MTC Alang-alang, Leyte.

It follows that on 04 February, 2008 at around 3:00 in the afternoon at Brgy Sagkahan, Poblacion, Kananga, Leyte, joint elements of Kananga PS and RSOG 8 led by PINSP REX CANTILLEP arrested one Mario Alombo, 25 yrs old, Ronnie Noquera alias "Amay", 26 yrs old, both residents of Brgy Wague, Leyte-Leyte by virtue of WOA under CC# 4648 for the crime of Homicide issued by Judge Crisostomo Garrido, RTC Judge Branch 13, Carigara, Leyte. Subject persons are now detained at their respective lock-up for proper disposition.

To end, on 01 February, 2008 at around 1:30 in the afternoon at Sitio Rosario, Baybay City, Leyte, elements of Baybay City PS led by PO3 Elizer Managbanag arrested one Alex Morales Gucina, 34 yrs old, married, jobless and a resident of Sto. Rosario, Baybay City by virtue of WOA under CC# R06-01-04-A for the crime of Theft with recommended bailbond in the amount of Php 10,000.00 for his temporary liberty issued by Hon Judge Cleofe V Militante, Presiding Judge, Baybay City.

LEYTE OPERATIVES SCORE 6 ILLEGAL GAMBLERS

Camp Ruperto K Kangleon, Palo, Leyte - "Law Enforcers help in combating the illegal numbers game -- by strictly monitoring its area of responsibilities especially in areas where it is already rampant", according to PSSUPT CESARIO ABRERA DARANTINAO JR, PRO 8 Information Officer.

Then aside from that, all Police Stations placed a PNP Help Desk where they ask for police assistance 24 hours, he said.

To round up its recent apprehensions: on 06 February, 2008 , noon time at Real St., Lapaz, Leyte in front of Aramms National High School, elements of Lapaz PS led by SPO4 Rolando S Loreno apprehended one Joel Enabore, 27 yrs old, married and a resident of Brgy Lanawan, McArthur, Leyte for violation of RA 9287 locally known as "Swertres". Confiscated from the suspect actual possession and control: one (1) hand bag containing different kinds of gambling number combination, stubs, one Nokia cell phone, one pc ballpen and cash money amounting to three hundred fifty eight (Php 358.00) and one (1) unit single motorcycle Suzuki rider, yellow in color. Subject person is now under custody of Lapaz PS.

Meantime, on 04 February, 2008 at around 7:45 in the evening at Brgy 80, Aslum, Sagkahan, Tacloban City, elements of Tacloban City PS led by PSINSP MARINAO CALLERA apprehended the following persons while engaging in illegal gambling activity locally known as "Tong-its" to wit: Alberto Montano, Jake Relador, Ranerick Gagaboan, Marlon Saburnido and Jomar Miranda, all of legal ages. Confiscated items were brought to Tac City PS and a case for violation of PD 1602, as amended by RA 9287 was filed in City Prosecutors Office under IS Nr 2008-080. Subject persons are now detained at the PNP lock-up cell for further disposition.

ILLEGAL FISHERS CRACK DOWN

Camp Ruperto K Kangleon, Palo, Leyte - PCSUPT ABNER DAYANAN CABALQUINTO , RD PRO 8 says that in addressing threats in fishing is daunting task that requires deliberate and systematic approaches. There must be an active participation among the LGUs, communities, civil society and socially responsible private groups to get the job well done.

In a day, police operatives were able to apprehend two alleged illegal Fishing Boats in Daram, Samar and Limasawa, SLeyte, respectively.

On 05 February, 2008 at around 6:10 in the evening at the seawater of Brgy Cabinton-an, Daram, Samar this province, a joint team of Daram MPS led by PCI NESTOR D JUAN

with two PNCOs and DA Representatives Mrs Erlinda Pagliawan and Marivic Iso, apprehended one fishing boat marked JRE managed and owned by Alberto Elorde with 14 crews while engaged of said Illegal Fishing locally known as "Pahulbot-hulbot". Subject persons involved and the fishing vessel is now under the custody of Daram MPS for the violation of Municipal Ordinance # 4 series of 200IB.

Then on the same date at around 11:00 in the morning at seawater of Limasawa, S/Leyte one Antonio Buyser Fortuna, 24 yrs old, married and one Marcelino Lingo Repan, 37 yrs old, single, both fisherman and residents of Brgy Buenavista, Padre Burgos, S/Leyte were apprehended by PNP pers of Limasawa PS led by SPO4 Renato Culango and PO1 Rodel Pagangpang together with Bry Tanod of Brgy San Bernardo, S/Leyte. They were caught on the act in shallow water without permit which violates Municipal Ordinance Number 2000-01 of Limasawa, S/Leyte. Suspects are now under custody of Limasawa PS for proper disposition.

PRO 8 CONTINUOUS PULONG-PULONG RE ANTI-DRUGS CAMPAIGN TO THE POPULACE

Camp Ruperto K Kangleon, Palo, Leyte - According to PCINSP REYMUNDO GRAVILES pointed out that we have been conducting pulong-pulong in our area of responsibility to ensure that the residents will better understand the negative effects of using illegal drugs.

Recently, he together with react team of Police Station 1, Ormoc City Police Office while conducting police mobile patrol and routine to Mabini St., Ormoc City said team saw one unidentified person in a shadow area of the street on 06 February, 2008 at around 10:30 in the evening. Suspicious of his activity, patrolling team approached and questioned him for identification and verify him what he was doing in the shadow area.

Suspect was later identified as Eddie Sederio, 34 yrs old, single, mechanic and a resident of Brgy Camp Downes, Ormoc City who acted very uneasy and alarmed in the presence of police officers. The team leader challenged him to show the content of his pocket and the suspect voluntarily emptied his "maong" pocket but instead of showing the contents with his hands, he dropped all contents in the pavement.

Patrolling team then saw one small heat sealed transparent plastic sachet containing "shabu" which was dropped by the suspect. Subject person was arrested for violation of Section 11 of Article 2, RA 9165 and for filing of appropriate charges in court.

PRO 8 UNDERTAKES CRIME FIGHTING INITIATIVES

Camp Ruperto K Kangleon, Palo, Leyte - PCSUPT ABNER DAYANAN CABALQUINTO , RD PRO 8 reveals that one way of enhancing PRO 8 crime-fighting capacity is through re-organization of the Community Special Force in which the people itself in a certain community will group together and report any criminal acts in their area of responsibility to the nearest precinct or station.

Just recently he lauded his men for apprehending violators and suspects here in Region 8.

On 02 February, 2008 at around 10:00 in the morning at Brgy Gapas-Gapas, Pambujan, N/Samar, elements of Laoang PS led by PSI RAUL C RODRIGUEZ together with PO3 Ruben Pinca, PO1 Jerico Acedera and Po1 Edwin Lozano while conducting seaborne patrol along the coastline of Brgy Gapas-Gapas of said municipality were able to apprehend one Rogelio Bantilo, 42 yrs old, married, fisherman and a resident of Brgy Camparanga, Pambujan, N/Samar while caught in the act of engaging illegal fishing popularly known as Trawl. Confiscated from his possession and control were the following: one (1) unit wooden motorized pump boat; engine (briggs and straton) 16 HP; one (1) pc trawl net; two (2) pcs wooden paddle; approximately 70 meters nylon rope; one (1) styro foam; two (2) kls more or less illegally caught small fish and shrimps and other fishing paraphernalia. Subject person is now presently detained at Laoang MPS while an appropriate charge is being prepared for filing in ourt.

Then team from Bantay Dagat led by PO2 Maderaso Jr together with three (3) of Fishery Law Enforcement Team (FLET) members while conducting seaborne operation at San Pedro Bay municipality of Tanauan, Leyte were able to apprehend two (2) motorist banca engaging in Illegal Fishing on 02 February, 2008 in the morning. F/B 1 were skippered by Ricky Latorre, Joaquin Magaloyos and Fernando Yano, all residents of Costa Grava, San Jose, Tacloban City. F/B 2 skippered by Jun Lago, Luis Palana and Elmer Minde, all residents of Baybay, San Jose, Tacloban City. Fishing paraphernalia's were confiscated and place at Bantay Dagat HQs for proper disposition while appropriate charges is being prepared for filing in court.

Subsequently, early in the morning of the same date at Barugo, Leyte, elements of Barugo PS led by SPO2 Arnulfo Villaflor apprehended one Fidel Bagares, 69 yrs old, married and a resident of Brgy Balud, Barugo, Leyte by virtue of WOA under CC# 6368 for violation of Bilang 6 with recommended bail bond fixed at Php 2,000.00 for his temporary liberty issued by Hon Buenaventura Renomeron, Presiding Judge of Barugo, Leyte. Subject person is now detained at Barugo lock-up cell.

Finally, at around 4:30 in the afternoon on 01 February, 2008, elements of Lapaz PS led by PO3 Danile Maquilan apprehended one Jimmy Creo, 40 yrs old, married, farmer, laborer and a resident of Brgy Doyo, Lapaz, Leyte for having in his possession and control unlicensed firearm, one (1) cal 38 rev, paltic with no SN and two live ammos for the same caliber. Initial investigation conducted by Lapaz PS disclosed that subject

person was carrying FA and creating trouble in their brgy. Suspect is now detained at Lapaz and case for violation of RA 8294 is now being prepared for filing in court.

PRO 8: CONTINUOUS SAFEGUARDING PEOPLE IN EV

Camp Ruperto K Kangleon, Palo, Leyte - Police operatives from Leyte successfully apprehended in separate operations, persons doing illegal acts.

According to PSSUPT CESARIO ABRERA DARANTINAO JR, Chief Police Community Relations Division that behind the successful operations and accomplishments of PRO 8 is the all-out-effort exerted by the Regional Police Director, PCSUPT ABNER DAYANAN CABALQUINTO, wherein he said that we can fight these problems if we are all united. No obstacles or hurdles can impede our dignified undertakings. "KAYANG-KAYA 'PAG SAMA-SAMA!'".

Elements of Pastrana MPS nabbed Efren Royeras, single, jobless and a resident of Brgy Capilla, Pastrana, Leyte for violation of Illegal Gambling (RA 9287) at about 6:30 in the evening of 01 February 2008 at Brgy Sapsap, Pastrana, Leyte. Recovered from his possession and control were tally sheets with number combinations and bet money amounting to Php 280.00.

Then the Intelligence and Anti-Illegal Drug Special Operation Task Force (AIDSOTF) of TCPS conducted buy bust operation at Aslum, Sagkahan, Tac City that resulted to the arrest of the suspect Wesly Chan, 24 yrs old, married, jobless and a resident of Brgy 60, Aslum, Sagkahan, Tac City on 01 February 2008 at around 12:30 noon. Confiscated from his possession and control were six (6) sachets of suspected "shabu" with street value of Php 500.00 and shabu paraphernalia.

Then the same team together with the members of Police Volunteer Anti-Crime Brigade (PVACB) arrested one Zaldy Gerez, 26 yrs old, married and a resident of Brgy 96, Tigawon, Tacloban City by virtue of WOA under CC# 2207-12-CR-30 BR 11 and 2008-01-CR-11, BR 1 issued by Hon Wenceslao Banilla of MTCC Br 1 and 2.

All suspects are presently detained in their respective lock-up cell awaiting disposition of their cases.

FIGHT AGAINST ILLEGAL DRUGS. Apprehension of three (3) suspected pushers and at the same time are in the Watchlist of Illegal Drugs in Region 8 during Intelligence Monitoring at Ferry Terminal in Sitio Pingag, Brgy Malang, Isabel, Leyte by joint elements of RID-PRO8 headed by PSUPT BRIGIDO BASIO UNAY, Isabel PS operatives in coordination with Regional Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency 8 on 31 January, 2008 at around 2:00 pm. The confiscated of more or less one point five (1.5) kilos of dried marijuana leaves were turned over to the Crime Lab as evidence. The suspects were placed under investigation.

Note: This is w/ regards 2 yesterday's story "Tight Security Measures in the terminal"

RD HEADS FIREARMS PROFICIENCY EXERCISES

PCSUPT ABNER D CABALQUINTO positions for the actual firing as he is being coached by range personnel at the LEYSA Firing Range, San Jose, Tacloban City on February 1, 2008.

On his knees, PCSUPT ABNER D CABALQUINTO skillfully hits the target as a LEYSA staff assists him during the activity.

PSSUPT RAMIL L RAMIREZ coaches PRO8 personnel on the fundamentals of firearms use and handling prior to the actual firing at the Special Training Unit.

Camp Ruperto Kangleon Palo, Leyte – No less than the Regional Director of Police Regional Office 8, PCSUPT ABNER DAYANAN CABALQUINTO headed the Firearms Proficiency Test as mandated by the current leadership as stipulated in the PNP Commander's Manual. PCSUPT ABNER D CABALQUINTO himself underwent dry and actual firing to test his proficiency in the handling of firearms on February 1, 2007 at the LEYSA Firing Range, San Jose, Tacloban City. According to PCSUPT CABALQUINTO, police officers should endeavor to hone their firing and shooting skills not only in compliance with the current directive of PDGEN AVELINO RAZON, the country's top Mamang Pulis, but also to make us more effective vanguards of maintaining public and community safety and in combating criminals and lawless elements.

All commissioned officers were compelled to undergo the firearms proficiency test in the afternoon of February 1, 2008 at the Special Training Unit 8 under the direct supervision of the Regional Personnel and Human Resource Division. This is to ensure that the training cascade from the top brass down to the lowest ranks.

Budgetary allocation has been especially earmarked by the police organization for this major endeavor. About 25% of PRO8 personnel, commissioned and non-commissioned alike, underwent firearms proficiency enhancement at the PRO8 Firing Range located at the Special Training Unit 8. PRO8 is just in time for the regular schedule of FAs Training and Firearms Proficiency which is set beginning this month and to continue throughout the whole year. Beginning this February, the International Defense Pistol Association Firearms Training is set to begin in the municipal level and by May, the training will be at the Provincial Level. By August, the activity will elevate to the regional headquarters and by November, the activity will commence at the National Headquarters.

NOTORIOUS PUSHER AND AN EX-ARMY SCOUT RANGER SLAIN IN SHOOTOUT WITH POLICE

Camp Ruperto K Kangleon, Palo, Leyte - An alleged Number One drug pusher in the drug watchlist in Northern Samar and an ex-army scout ranger died during final assault with the NSPPO-PAIDSOTF, 807 th PPMG, Bobon PS led by PCI ROMMEL CASANOVA ESTOLANO, I&I Officer; PCI MENENDRO PERDITO HAYAG, GD 807 th PPMG and PSI EDUARDO MADAMBA TESTIBIA, COP Bobon PS on 01 February, 2008 at around 1:00 in the afternoon at Brgy Dancalan, Bobon, N/Samar.

Report reached in this Office that said team was about to serve the Search Warrant Number 001-08 for violation of Section 6 Article 11 of RA 9165 issued by Hon Alma Consuelo Desales-Esidera of RTC Branch 20, Catarman, N/Samar against Ernesto Rascano Sr., 41 yrs old, married and a resident of Brgy Dancalan, Bobon, N/Samar, a known drug pusher in the area, they were strafed with the used of M16 Armalite rifle which resulted to the injury of PCI ROMMEL CASANOVA ESTOLANO and PSI EDUARDO MADAMBA TESTIBIA who sustained (Gun Shot Wound) GSW on their left and right legs respectively as suspect resisted and did not allow the entry of the police officers to the house.

Team from N/Samar PPO led by PSSUPT ANTONIO GABAY DELA CRUZ, Provincial Director NSPPO, responded to the scene and thereafter a crisis management committee was established for the possible peaceful surrender/arrest of the suspect.

Meanwhile, another team from Catarman PS under PSUPT FELIDOLFO MIRALLES ENOVISO also arrived at the place to assist the search operation but the suspect manifested display fearlessness and total disregard to the police authorities and fiercely engaged the gov't troops which prompted NSPPO to coordinate with the 803 rd Brigade Phil Army and requested to utilize their armored vehicle under the team of 1Lt Lutao to gain entry and at about 5:00 in the afternoon same date the final assault was conducted that resulted to the instantaneous death of the suspect.

Initial investigation disclosed that said Ernesto Rascano Sr is an ex-army scout ranger and number one in the drug watchlist in the province.

NSPPO Lab/SOCO team led by PSI JERRY HERMOSINA recovered the following: five (5) heat sealed transparent plastic sachet containing white crystalline substance of suspected methamphetamine hydrochloride or "shabu" worth ten thousand pesos (Php 10,000.00) and assorted drug paraphernalia use for sniffing shabu and other pieces of evidence: one (1) M16 Armalite rifle bearing Serial Nr 700978 (Colt) with one (1) long magazine loaded with 27 rounds of ammos; one (1) cal .45 pistol bearing SN978032 M1911 A1 US Army; one (1) cal .22 rifle without Serial Nr with live ammos; one (1) unit cell phone (Nokia); three (3) pieces magazine for cal .45 with live ammos; two (2) lonG magazines of M16 rifle with live ammos and cash money amounting to six thousand two hundred pesos (Php 6,200.00) proceeds of his illegal activities.

PCSUPT ABNER DAYANAN CABALQUINTO , RD PRO 8 said that we are indeed very serious in our fervor to fight against illegal drugs in Eastern Visayas.

PNP-AFP COORDINATION OF NATIONAL SECURITY CASES. Shown above is SPO1 Ma Cecinia V Ragay, PCR PNCO anchorwoman (right) and Cpt Sergio B Sabiano Jr of 34 th Infantry Battalion during the PRO 8 weekly radio program dubbed as "Pulis An Darangpan" on 020900H February, 2008 edition at Radyo DIWA, DYDW, San Jose Tacloban City. Together with Cpt Sabiano Jr were 2Lt Jelynn D Unabia and Cpl Wilson G Cabias, all are CMO from 34 th IB, Calbiga, Samar.

Discussed were the enhancement of coordinating mechanisms and cooperation between the PNP and AFP concerning ongoing and future efforts in the investigation and prosecution of specific offences that constitute threats to national security including but not limited to cases of terrorism, rebellion, sedition and other related offenses. For army assistance, inquiries and more information they can be reached at Cell Number 09286389627.

Further, the 34 th IB under the command of LTC LARRY B MOJICA informed that they will be celebrating their 36 th Anniversary this coming 18 th February, 2008 and the highlight of said event will be the Blessing and Inaguration of Reliable Chapel, Mass Wedding and Tree Planting activity.

A CIVIL ENGINEER AND OUT-OF-SCHOOL-YOUTH VIOLATED RA 9287

Camp Ruperto K Kangleon, Palo, Leyte - A civil engineer from Brgy Boao, Catbalogan City, Samar together with his friends, out-of-school-youth were disgusted after the Samar PNP team led by PCINSP JOSEPH PENSOTES , I & I Officer with 5 PNCOs arrested them on 29 January, 2008 at around 8:30 pm at Brgy 9 Boao, Catbalogan City, Samar.

“We took the easy road in earning money through illegal means but crime doesn’t pay after all”, the regretful suspects revealed.

PCINSP PENSOTES said that we are continuing the apprehension of illegal number game violators in the community through constant advocating especially to the youth working for something to attain it better, than trying one’s luck in illegal gambling which has no surety.

Arrested were Wilfredo Cordoba, 36 yrs old, married, a civil engineer, a resident of Brgy Boao, Catbalogan City, Samar ; Francis Abadingco, 21 yrs old, out-of-school youth, a resident of Purok 2 Bunuanan, Catbalogan City and Ryan De Luna, 19 yrs old, single, jobless, a resident of Purok 2 Bunuanan, Catbalogan City while on their way to remit their collections of bet money from “swertres”.

Confiscated from their possession and control were bet money amounting to Php 433.00 in different denominations, stubs, one (1) yellow ballpen, tally sheets and one (1) motorcycle marked motor star with plate number H3531 owned by Romulo Romeo Abadingo.

They are now detained at Catbalogan City PS for proper disposition.

PRO 8: GO FOR COMMUNITY MENACE

Camp Ruperto K Kangleon, Palo, Leyte - In order to protect yourself from troubles by these lawless elements, PCSUPT ABNER DAYANAN CABALQUINTO, RD PRO 8 reminds the people to be very vigilant especially in the streets wherein some areas are exposed to the low-lives, scumbags, syndicates, prostitutions, corruption and other social problems along the streets.

So I am instructing my men that police must be visible in critical areas as to minimize crimes committed. Further, he said that “Someday a real rain will come and wash all the scum off the streets” and peaceful and orderly community will be attained.

In the afternoon of 30 January, 2008 at Brgy Baras, Palo, Leyte joint elements of ORID/PACER Easter Visayas led by SPO2 Ananlas C Monteroso and Palo PS led by

SPO2 Gaspar De Veyra arrested one Gabriel Gumaroy, 22 yrs old and a resident of Brgy Guindapunan, Palo, Leyte by virtue of WOA under CC# 7141-01-2007 charged for Attempted Homicide issued by Hon Raymundo Lopez, Presiding Judge MTC, Palo, Leyte.

Then a day before, at around 9:40 pm at Sitio Lilo-an, Brgy San Jose, Palo, Leyte, elements of Palo PS team led by PCI AVELINO BUGTONG DONCILLO JR and PINSP OSCAR BITUIN GOLONG arrested one Joel Morano by virtue of WOA under CC# 2006-06-498 charged for the crime of Murder issued by Hon Presco T Liligan of Branch 34, 8 th Judicial Region, Bulwagan ng Katarungan, Tacloban City.

Finally, on 24 January, 2008 at around 1:00 pm at Brgy Carayman, Calbayog City, PO3 Gildo De Los Santos, PNP member of Sta Margarita MPS arrested one Melanio Aballes, 31 yrs old, married, driver and a resident of Sorsogon, Sta Margarita, Samar by virtue of WOA for the crime of Slight Physical Injuries issued by Hon Myra Clemens, Presiding Judge 1 st MCTC, Sta Margarita, Samar dated Jan 2008. Recommended bailbond for his temporary liberty is fixed at Php 1,000,00 Phil Currenry.

The three of them were brought to their respective lock-up cell for documentation prior turn-over to the court of origin.

TIGHT SECURITY MEASURES IN THE TERMINAL

Camp Ruperto K Kangleon, Palo, Leyte - PSSUPT CESARIO ABRERA DARANTINAO JR , Chief Regional Police Community Relations Division assures the public especially the passengers that security at the bus, port and airport terminal is very tight. Assigned police men check their luggages before they can enter the terminal. Then, some check-points or choke points are being put up along the National Highway

Because of this, joint elements of RID, PRO8 and Isabel PS in coordination with RPDEA 8 while conducting Intel Monitoring in the area chanced upon three (3) suspected drug pushers on 31 January, 2008 at around 2:00 in the afternoon at Ferry Terminal situated in Sitio Pingas, Brgy Matlang, Isabel, Leyte.

The suspected drug pushers were identified as Alex Arcala, 39 yrs old, married, driver, a native of Brgy Montebello, Kananga, Leyte and presently residing at Brgy Lo-ok, Danao City; Isabel Etang, 47 yrs old and her sister Analyn, 41 yrs old, both single, Baywalk vendors and residents of Brgy Naongan, Ormoc City who were clandestinely transacting their illegal drug trade. When confronted the police authorities were able to confiscate from their actual possession a control of more or less one point five (1.5) kilos of dried marijuana packed in a plastic cellophane and placed in a black bag. Reportedly, said stuff is intended for Ormoc City via Isabel port when intercepted by the lawmen. They are now at ORID, PRO 8 for proper disposition.

FIVE ILLEGAL F/Bs IN SAMAR, HELD

Capm Ruperto K Kangleon, Palo, Leyte - PSUPT MAXIMO G MANIANI stressed that interdisciplinary among the PNP, people in the community and the members of the Local Government Unit play an integral part in apprehending illegal fishers through directly identifying and solving problems fishers committing illegal acts.

Just this week, 30 January, 2008 in the morning, along the sea water of Brgy San Juan, Talalora, Samar, the PNP elements of Talalora MPS led by PSUPT MANIANI conducted seaborne patrol which resulted to the apprehension of five (5) fishing boats while engaging in illegal fishing locally known as "hulbot-hulbot" and with the used of compressor.

Said fishing boats were skippered by Rene Branuela, 20 yrs old; Arnold Quimel, 30 yrs old, all residents of Brgy San Juan, Talalora, Samar; and Mario Mandapat, 28 yrs old and a resident of Bryg Bioso, Zumarraga, Samar.

Said fishing boats and paraphernalia were brought to Talalora MPS for documentation and filing of appropriate charges in court.

3 GAMBLING FARMER VIOLATORS FROM E/SAMAR, CAPTURED

Camp Ruperto K Kangleon, Palo, Leyte - PCSUPT ABNER DAYANAN CABALQUINTO , RD PRO 8 remains optimistic to bust illegal gamblers and to finally put an end to stop all forms of gambling.

PSI JAIME SID CHICANO together with his men conducted raid on Illegal Gambling (Alpor/Monte) on 27 Janaury, 2008 at around 3:30 in the afternoon at Brgy San Pedro, Quinapondan, E/Samar. This resulted to the seizure and confiscation of five (5) sets of gambling cards, bet money amounting to Php 2,147, assorted sizes of wooden chairs and tables and the arrest of Francisco Cabos, 56 yrs old, widower, farmer and a resident of Brgy Alog, Salcedo, E/Samar; Ramon Odevilas, 51 yrs old, married, farmer and a resident of Brgy Camanga, Salcedo, E/Samar and Nick Cabanillas, 31 yrs old, married, farmer and a resident of Brgy Paco, Quinapondan, E/Samar.

All of them were brought to Quinapondan PS for documentation and appropriate criminal actions were being prepared for filing in courts against suspects.

**SUSPECTED NPA REBEL, A BRGY KAGAWAD FROM N/SAMAR AND
EIGHT MORE WPs, COLLARED**

Camp Ruperto K Kangleon, Palo, Leyte -PCSUPT ABNER DAYANAN CABALQUINTO, RD PRO 8, ordered his men to be on alert 24 hours a day. They must not lower their guard and must not be wary of any treacherous NPA attacks or be vigilant in arresting all edged rebel communists.

This is what he said after the apprehension of one suspected member of the Central Committee of the CPP/NPA/NDF on 28 January 2008, at around 5:25 in the afternoon at the vicinity of Builders Training Center, Brgy Calsimangan, Bago City, Negros Occidental.

A certain Randall Echaniz, member of the Central Committee of the CPP/NPA/NDF, a resident of Poblacion Pateros, Rizal and accused for the crime of Multiple Murder in relation of the People of the Philippines versus Jose Maria Sison, et all, under CC# H-1581, was arrested by joint elements of Directorate for Intelligence (NHQ-DI), Negros Occidental Provincial Police Office and Bago City Police Station.

Thereafter, he was brought to Bago City Police Station for dispositive action.

Accordingly, Echaviz was being tailed by elements of Police Intelligence from Manila to Negros where he was arrested. Additionally, on 29 January 2008 at about 3:00 in the afternoon, said arrested accused was brought to Hilongos, Leyte via Bacolod City on board a Huey UH18 Helicopter of the Philippine Air Force and escorted by five (5) PNP personnel led by PINSP ROBERT DEJUCOS. Said arrested person was then transferred from Leyte Sub-Provincial Jail, Hilongos, Leyte to Leyte Provincial Jail, Brgy Kauswagan, Palo, Leyte on 30 January, 2008 at about 2:30 in the morning escorted by PSINSP LANDELINO KATANGKATANG, COP Hilongos MPS and PSUPT GEORGE LINDE ALMADEN, Chief Regional Legal Service, by virtue of Commitment Order dated 29 January 2008 issued by Judge Ephrem S Abando of 8 th Judicial Region, Branch 18, Hilongos, Leyte.

In another PRO 8 operative operations that transpired on 28 January, 2008 at around 5:40 early in the morning at Brgy Guadalupe Baybay City, elements of Baybay CPS led by PO3 Eliezar B Managbanag arrested one Romeo Wahing alias "Wahig", 45 yrs old, married and a resident of said mentioned place by virtue of WOA under CC# R3739-A charged for the crime of Tresspass to Dwelling issued by Hon Maria Cleofe V Militante, Presiding Judge of MTC, Baybay City, Leyte.

Then, on 27 January 2008, at around 7:45 pm at Brgy Pob, Julieta, Leyte, elements of Burauen PS led by PI ALBERTO B RENOMERON JR, apprehended one Leonardo Refursu by virtue of WOA under CC# 9873 for violation of Section 1 (d) of PD 1602 (Illegal Possession of Gambling Paraphernalia) issued by Hon Aludia C Leonido, Presiding Judge of MTC, Burauen, Leyte.

Meantime, elements of Villaba PS led by PSI EDGARDO ENCINA arrested one Warlito Pagalan, 39 yrs old, married and a resident of Brgy Balanac, Villaba, Leyte by virtue of WOA under CC# P-1384 for the crime of Frustrated Murder issued by Hon Celso L Mantua, Presiding Judge of RTC Branch 17, Palompon, Leyte on 27 January, 2008 at around 3:30 pm.

At around 4:00 pm of 27 January, 2008 at Sitio Mabagol, Brgy Sindangan, Macrohon, S/Leyte, elements of Macrohon PS led by SPO2 Virgilio Paloma, arrested one Crisanto Biong Maymay alias "Santos", 51 yrs old, married, farmer and a resident of aforementioned brgy by virtue of WOA for Frustrated Homicide docketed under CC# 07-09-3113 issued by the Presiding Judge of RTC 8 th Judicial Region Branch 25, Maasin City, S/Leyte.

Then on the same date at 1:00 pm at Brgy Catagbacan, Burauen, Leyte, elements of Burauen PS led by SPO1 Jaywen Leona, arrested one Joseph de Paz, Nelson Begnotia and one alias "Otig", all residents of aforementioned barangay by virtue of WOA for Serious Physical Injuries docketed under CC# 9872 issued by Hon Judge Aludia Leonido, Presiding Judge of MTC Burauen, Leyte.

Another apprehension has been done on 24 January, 2008, 1:00 pm at Brgy Carayman, Calbayog City, elements of Sta Margarita PS led by PO3 Gildo delos Santos arrested one Melanio Caballes, 31 yrs old, married, driver and a resident of said mentioned place by virtue of WOA for the crime of Slight Physical Injury issued by Hon Myrna Climens, Presiding Judge MTC, Sta Mrgarita, Samar. Recommended bail bond for his temporary liberty is fixed at Php 1,000.00.

On the same date at Brgy Cag-abaca, Catarman, N/Samar, elements of Catarman PS led by SPO1 Claudio Q Obinguar together with SPO1 Eduardo T Uy and PO2 Antonio R Aducon arrested the spouses Ruben Flor, 42 yrs old, farmer and Estrella Flor, 36 yrs old, Brgy Kagawad and a resident of Brgy Cag-abaca, Catarman, N/Samar by virtue of warrant of arrest for Estafa docketed CC# 4299 issued by Hon Judge Alma Consuelo Esidera of RTC Br 20, Catarman, N/Samar.

Lastly, on 23 January, 2008 at about 11:45 am at Brgy Catmon, St Bernard, S/Leyte, elements of St Bernard PS led by SPO2 Benedicto Catindoy arrested one Nelson Cañon, 23 yrs old, single, laborer and a resident of Brgy Himos-osan, St Bernard, S/Leyte by virtue of WOA for Serious Physical Injuries docketed under CC# 1971-SB issued by Hon Judge Jacinto Elle, Presiding Judge of 4 th MCTC, San Juan-St Bernard, S/Leyte.

Arrested persons were turned-over to court of concerned for proper disposition.

PRO 8 : COCKFIGHTING ALLOWABLE IF BASED ON THE CITY ORDINANCE

Camp Ruperto K Kangleon, Palo, Leyte - PINSP SANTINOEL MATERA together with Intel/Anti-Vice and SWAT of Tacloban CPS strictly implement the “No Cockfighting Policy” unless with a permit from the City of Tacloban. “We must follow the existing City Ordinance allowing the cockfights”, he added.

Based on his report that on 28 January, 2008, 10:30 in the morning his team conducted anti-illegal cockfighting operation at the vicinity of Brgy 49, mountainside, Tacloban City that resulted to the confiscation of two (2) pcs live fighting cocks, while gaffers and bettors scampered to different direction.

Said confiscation fighting cocks were brought to Tacloban CPS for proper disposition and documentation.

17 TH PNP DAY ANNIVERSARY

Theme: “Mamang Pulis, Tagapagtaguyod ng Karapatang Pantao tungo sa Kapanatagan ng Mamamayan” PDDGEN REYNALDO PARAISO VARILLA , Deputy Chief for Operation, Guest of Honor and Speaker 300800H January 2008 at PRO 8 Grandstand, Camp Ruperto K Kangleon, Palo, Leyte

PDDGEN REYNALDO P VARILLA (left) , Deputy Chief for Operation arrives at DZR Airport, San Jose, Tacloban City at about 3:00 pm on 29 January 2008. He was warmly met by PSSUPT REY L LAÑADA (right), Deputy Regional Director for Administration 8.

PSSUPT GIL J HITOSIS , Chief Regional Directorial Staff, shakes hand with PDDGEN VARILLA while PSSUPT DOROTEO N PALCONIT, PD LPPO salutes and PSUPT ROMULO CLEVE N TABOSO, COP TCPS looks on while the other Officers and personnel of PRO 8 welcome him.

A consecration act before the cutting of ribbon for the “Blessing of Immaculate Heart of Mary” officiated by PSI GILBERT C ILAGAN, Regional Chaplain on 30 January, 2008, 8:00 in the morning at PRO 8 Chapel, Camp Ruperto K Kangleon, Palo, Leyte. Present were Archbishop Jose B Palma, Archdiocese of Palo (extreme right) next to him to the left PCSUPT ABNER D CABALQUINTO, RD PRO 8, PDDG VARILLA together with the PRO 8 personnel.

Unveiling of the Marker inscribed: “A sincere appreciation and gratitude for the realization of the renovation during the stewardship of PDGEN AVELINO IGNACIO RAZON JR, CPNP and PCSUPT ABNER DAYANAN CABALQUINTO, RD PRO 8”.

During the 17 th PNP Day program proper with its theme: “Mamang Pulis, Tagapagtaguyod ng Karapatang Pantao tungo sa Kapanatagan ng Mamayan”. Attended by the friends from the public sectors, regional directors of the government agencies, religious sectors, media personalities, force multipliers and all constituents who have been very supportive to the “PNP Integrated Transformation Program”.

AWARDING CEREMONY . PDDGEN VARILLA, assisted by PCSUPT CABALQUINTO gives the Plaque of Appreciation to PSI MA BELLA RENTUAYA, COP Almeria, Biliran, one of the awardees during the said ceremony.

UNIT AWARDEES : Best Police Provincial Office - LPPO; Best City Police Station – Tacloban City Police Station; Best Municipal Police Station – Almeria Municipal Police Station; Best Provincial Mobile Group – 806 th PPMG, ESPPO; Best WCPD (Urban) – Tacloban City Police Station and Best WCPD (Rural) – Lilo-an Municipal Police Station.

OUTSTANDING NUP CATEGORY : NUP Julmane N Plaza of LPPO.

CIVILIAN SPECIAL AWARDEES : Hon Alfred S Romualdez, Mayor of Tacloban City; Mr Glenn D Vallejera, GM, PAL-Tacloban; Mr Eugene A Tan, Pres., PINTADOS Tacloban; Ms Miriam G Desacada, Sr Reporter LSDE/Correspondent, The Philippine Star and Architect Librado L Baysa, Tacloban City.

INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE . PDDGEN VARILLA, the Guest of Honor and Speaker lauds the “Mamang Pulis” of PRO 8 for being more responsive and more responsible for bringing themselves closer to the people in the barangays by institutionalizing reforms that would enable them to interact closely with police authorities in combating criminality, insurgency and terrorism in the countryside.

PARADE-IN-REVIEW . (Shown in photo) Reviewing Officer PDDGEN VARILLA, together with RD PRO 8, Mayor Alfredo Romualdez and Mr Glenn Vallejera.

The celebration capped by a traditional parade and review ceremony with Battalion Commander PSUPT ELEIZAR P EGLOSO leading the parading elements.

COMMAND CONFERENCE . Right after the program all the Provincial Directors of Eastern Visayas, Chiefs of Police, Chiefs of the National Separate Unit discuss the recent accomplishments of PRO 8 in the implementation of Special Laws. Further, RD PRO 8 emphasizes that a continuous mobilization of his men has been done to meet all threats.

MEDIA FELLOWSHIP . A good avenue to strengthen the collaborative efforts of PRO 8 men and people in the community and determine ways and means on how Eastern Visayas media can best help in all PNP plans and programs.

(Shown above) PCSUPT CABALQUINTO , proudly introduces the activation of PRO 8 Website for News Updates and PRO 8 data base at www.pnp.gov.ph , then move on to the police regional site level.

(Shown below) RD, PRO 8 in a “coke-colloquy” with Mr Joey Gabieta, writer of Leyte Samar Daily Express and at the same time correspondent of The Philippine Daily Inquirer while Ms Jasmine Gorre of ABC-5 looks on the camera. Taken on 30 January, 2008 at around 8:00 in the evening at Ocho Grill Restaurant, Tacloban City.

PRO 8 MOVES TO WEED OUT ILLEGAL GAMBLING

Camp Ruperto K Kangleon, Palo, Leyte - The elements of Leyte Police collared two (2) “Swertres” runners on 25 January 2008 in separate raids.

Reports reached in this Office bared that ushers and coordinators of the illegal numbers game are presently more cautious and discreet in their operations. However the Police Regional Office 8 operatives, under the authority of PCSUPT ABNER DAYANAN CABALQUINTO, RD, have intensified their campaign and relentless crackdown against the illegal numbers game.

On the night of 25 January, Baybay police captures one Anacleto Ticol, 35 yrs old, single, a resident of Zone 18, Baybay City for involvement in illegal gambling called “Swertres”. He was found in possession and control of Php 2,183.00 bet money and other illegal gambling paraphernalia for “swertres”.

On the same day, Toralde was nabbed by Albueria police at Sitio Gungab, Poblacion, Albueria, Leyte.

Toralde, 21 yrs old, married and a resident of Brgy. Binulho, Albueria, Leyte. Recovered from his possession and control were several stubs bearing number combinations of “swertres” with corresponding money bet, one hundred pesos bet money and improvised lotto tips for “swertres”.

Subject persons and the recovered items were immediately brought to their respective PS for documentation. All of the suspects are now facing charges for violating RA 9287, the anti-illegal gambling law.

Aside from hunting down “swertres” operators, PCSUPT CABALQUINTO declares an all out war against other forms of illegal gambling activities in region 8.

He called on local officials to educate their constituents regarding the "evils of illegal gambling and the possibility of curbing the menace thru the involvement of the citizenry."

**ANOTHER TWO MWPs IN PALO, LEYTE WITH 90,000.00 PESO BOUNTY,
COLLARED**

Camp Ruperto K Kangleon, Palo, Leyte - Two separate operations resulted to the arrest of ranked number 10 th Most Wanted Persons in Region 8 with Php 90,000.00 monetary reward per DILG MC# 2008-09 dated 21 January 2008 were made through the Launching of COPLAN 01/2008 “Leyte-Landing”, wherein subject persons are one of the targets.

Joint operatives of the Regional Intelligence Division 8 (ORID8) headed by PSUPT BRIGIDO BASIO UNAY and Regional Crime Investigation and Detection Group Office (RCIDGO8) effected the arrest of one Owen Monge by virtue of Warrant of Arrest dated 02 Aug 2005 issued by Judge Santos Gil of RTC, Branch 6, Bulwagan Ng Katarungan, Tacloban City for violation of Section 5, Article II of RA 9165 under CC# 2003-10-658 on 29 January 2008 at around 4:30 in the afternoon.

Meantime, follow-up manhunt operation conducted by combined elements of ORID/R2-PRO8, Police Anti-Crime and Emergency Response-Eastern Visayas Operatives (PACER-EVRO), RCIDO 8 and Palo MPS resulted to the arrest of another MWP identified as one Joel Morano Pedrera at Sitio Liroan, Brgy San Jose, Palo, Leyte by virtue of Warrant of Arrest issued by Judge Frisco T Lilagan of RTC, 8 th Judicial Region, Branch 34, Tacloban City for the crime of Murder under CC# 2006-06-498.

With these, PCSUPT ABNER DAYANAN CABALQUINTO, RD PRO 8 congratulates his men for arresting suspects of prohibited drugs and murder.

"Again, our police force is sending a clear message: the fight against crime. A criminal once identified as one will be dealt with no uncertain terms," he said.

Further, he added that the positive results of the joint operations showed the united action of the pillars of the criminal justice system.

PRO 8: NEVER SETTLE FOR LESS, CAMPAIGN AGAINST WANTED PERSONS

On January 26, 2008 at around 3:20 in the afternoon, at #031 Villareal St., Brgy Gulod, Novaliches, Quezon City, joint team of ORID-R2, PRO 8 and RCIDO 8 led by SPO2 Ananias Cayanong Monteroso under the direct supervision of PSUPT BRIGIDO BASIO UNAY, Chief, RID-R2 of this PRO, effected the arrest of one Joey Ezar y Horca by virtue of Warrant of Arrest for the Crime of Rape, under CC # 98-11-481 issued by RTC Branch 6, Tacloban City. The arrest of subject who is ranked number ten in the list of Most Wanted Persons in Region 8 with ninety thousand pesos (PHP 90,000.00) monetary reward per DILG MC# 2008-09 DTD January 21, 2008 was made through the launching of COPLAN 01/2008 "LEYTE-LANDING", wherein subject is one of the targets.

Camp Ruperto K Kangleon, Palo, Leyte - PCSUPT ABNER DAYANAN CABALQUINTO, RD PRO 8 declared that the police operatives hand in hand with the people in the community must labor hard to make the community in peace , secured and prosperous in any criminal acts done by these unruly elements.

In two days time five (5) wanted persons have been nabbed.

On 25 January 2008 at around 11:50 in the evening at Brgy Cabangcalan, Sta Fe, Leyte one Gerardo Catindoy @ Lover, 17 yrs old, out of school youth and a resident of same place was arrested by elements of Sta Fe PS by virtue of WOA docketed under CC# 2007-01-71 issued by Hon Judge Crisologo Bitas, Presiding Judge, RTC Br 7, Tacloban City for violation of PD 1612 with Php 24,000.00 bail bond recommended.

Subject person is now in jail and subject for remanding to Leyte Provincial Jail, Palo, Leyte.

Then on separate operations of the same date at Brgy Mazawalo, Palompon, Leyte, one Jerrito Hardin, 35 yrs old, single and a resident of same place was arrested by elements of Palompon PS by virtue of WOA for theft docketed under CC# 7788 issued by RTC Palompon, Leyte.

Further, same team were able to apprehend one Mark Sultan, 17 yrs old, single and a resident of Brgy 83, Taguictic, Tacloban City by virtue of WOA docketed under CC# 2007-01-41 issued by Hon Judge Crisologo Bitas of RTC Br 7 Tacloban City with bail bond recommended in the amount of Php 24,000.00.

Meanwhile, on 25 January 2008 at around 9:45 am at Brgy 65 Paseo de Legaspi, Tacloban City, the elements of Tacloban City PS led by PI DANIEL ALBENTO arrested one Eduardo Maceda @ Eddie, 61 yrs old, single and a resident of said place by virtue of WOA for murder docketed under CC# 2007-10-573 issued by Hon Judge Frisco T Lilagan, Presiding Judge RTC Br 34, Tacloban City with no bail bond recommended for his temporary liberty.

And lastly, on 24 January 2008 afternoon, one Primo Abilar Jr, 67 yrs old, married and a resident of Brgy Balud, Capoocan, Leyte was arrested by elements of Capoocan PS by virtue of WOA for Grave Coercion with Php 12,000.00 bail bond recommended for his temporary liberty.

Suspects are now in jail and awaiting trial/disposition of their respective cases.

**PROGRESS REPORT ON THE SHOOTING TO DEATH OF PASTOR
FELUMINO G. CATAMBIS**

This pertains to the shooting to death of one Felumino Catambis, 60 yrs old, married, a United Church of Christ in the Philippines (UCCP) Pastor and a resident of Barangay San Vicente, Mahaplag, Leyte that transpired on or about 7:30 in the morning of January 23, 2008 at Sitio Catoogan, Brgy. Balocawe, Abuyog, Leyte.

Initial investigation conducted disclosed that while the victim's Ramjet motorcycle was cruising along Sitio Catoogan, Brgy Balocawe, Abuyog, Leyte for a pastoral service, a motorcycle colored blue driven by unidentified driver with a back rider tailed the victim's motorcycle and fired several times hitting the back portion of the victim's body causing his driven motorcycle to swerve and crash on the shoulder of the road. As a result, the victim died instantaneously. The suspected gunman who was wearing a yellow turban (Malong) on his head fled with his driver-conspirator towards the direction of Abuyog-Silago Road. Recovered from the crime scene were nine (9) pcs empty shells of cal. 9mm and one (1) slug embedded at the front left door fender of the parked Multicab near the said place of incident.

The investigating team proceeded to Mahaplag, Leyte to gather more vital information and learned that a similar shooting incident transpired at Brgy San Isidro, Mahaplag, Leyte last September 26, 2007 victimizing one Celestino Almero, a resident from the same place. Suspects were also unknown and were riding in tandem in two motorcycles. The gunman used the same caliber of FAs similar to the FAs used in the recent Abuyog shooting incident as evidenced by the recovered five (5) empty shells and one (1) slug, evidences that will be subjected for Ballistic Comparison Examination at the Crime Laboratory 8 to determine and confirm whether the gunmen of the two shooting incidents used the same FAs.

Interview conducted to Mr. Alimoden Herones, a resident of San Vicente, Mahaplag, Leyte and a Municipal employee averred that he is a neighbor and a close friend of the late Pastor Catambis. He further revealed that prior to the incident, the victim was visited by unknown persons convincing him to join again in their group (NPA) but the latter refused.

On the other hand, his brother Samuel Catambis, a habal-habal driver and an alleged runner/courier of the CTs operating in Mahaplag-Abuyog area was then advised by the victim to stop and refrain from his activity to avoid further problem. Since then, he was hunted down by unknown personalities. Hence, Pastor Catambis decided and persuaded his brother to leave their place and go to Manila for his safety and security.

In an interview conducted with Recardo Catambis, the eldest son of the victim, he averred that the only motive to his knowledge, that triggered the killing of his father was his advise to his brother to leave their place for security purposes because he cannot recall of any instance that would cause the life of his father since he was an active Pastor of their Religion (UCCP) and at the same time, a member of the Lupong Tagapayapa of Brgy. San Vicente, Mahaplag, Leyte. He further disclosed that his uncle and his father were rebel returnees since the year 1980s and has since then joined UCCP and became a Pastor, and later on got married to Mrs. Catambis. He also confirmed the revelation of Mr. Herones that his uncle Samuel Catambis went to Manila for his security as his life is being threatened with harm by persons believed to be members of CTs.

The joint team of investigators from the Leyte PPO, the Abuyog Police Station and the Mahaplag Police Station, invited the family of the victim to a case conference and presented the information gathered to the family. Consequently, all parties particularly the Catambis family believed and agreed that although there were no available witnesses that could identify the culprits, they were convinced that the shooting incident was perpetrated by the members of the CTs as both brothers were no longer interested to join the underground movement and the incident is part of the NPAs liquidation operation.

Meanwhile, the Provincial Director of LPPPO visited the family of the victim. During the visit, the PD arranged for food provisions and other material needs of the family in meeting the needs of the people attending the wake. The family members also gave full cooperation with a promise to help investigators with the evidentiary requirements. The PD also deployed PNP personnel to ensure safety during the wake and a continuing liaisoning with other investigating units and the family and friends of the victim is being undertaken for the early solution of the case and the filing of appropriate criminal case in court against the perpetrators.

MWP FROM PALO, A CLERK FROM BAYBAY CITY, LEYTE AND FIVE MORE, DETAINED

Camp Ruperto K Kangleon, Palo, Leyte - PCSUPT ABNER DAYANAN CABALQUINTO , RD PRO 8, acknowledges to enhance more the police's intelligence network and to take extra caution in their actions while apprehending wanted persons

because the enemy is out to take advantage of every opportunity to pounce on their targets.

This has been disclosed right after apprehending Joey Ezar, 31 yrs old, married, presently residing at 031 Villareal St., Brgy Gulod, Novaliches, Quezon City and a native of Brgy Arado, Palo, Leyte on 26 January 2008 at around 3:20 in the afternoon. Ezar is charged for Rape under Criminal Case # 98-11-481 issued by Honorable Judge Santos Gil of RTC Br 6, Bulwagan ng Katarungan, Tacloban City. He was arrested by SPO2 Ananias Monteroso, presently assigned at ORID-PRO8 at his residence at the aforementioned place.

Subject wanted person is listed in the MWP with DILG monetary reward of Php 90,000.00 under DILG Memorandum Circular Number 2008-09.

Then on 24 January 2008 at around 9:00 am at Zone 21, Baybay City, elements of Baybay City PS led by PO3 Eliezer Managbanag arrested one Sandra Tiu, alias "Andac", 40 yrs old, married, Admin Clerk 4 at LSU, Baybay City and a resident of said place by virtue of WOA under CC# R-6291 charge for the crime of Estafa issued by Hon Edgardo Leonido, Presiding Judge of MTC, 8 th Judicial Region, Maasin City.

Meantime, on the same date at around 8:30 am at Brgy Macanip, Jaro, Leyte elements of Jaro PS led by PINSP SOLOMON AUJERO, COP arrested one Terenio Macanip alias "Teren", 29 yrs old, driver, Elmer Lonzaga alias "Er-er", 28 yrs old, farmer, Avelino Sanita alias "Eking", 25 yrs old, farmer and Roberto Macanip alias "Obet", 22 yrs old, farmer all residents of aforementioned place by virtue of WOA under CC# 2007-11-627 with bail recommended fixed at Php 40,000.00 each for the crime of Homicide issued by Hon Frisco Lilagan, Presiding Judge of RTC, 8 th judicial Region, Tacloban City.

Then earlier at that time on the same date at Brgy Gabas, Baybay City elements of Baybay City PS led by PO3 Eliezer Managbanag arrested one Ruel Corcino alias "Roel", 38 yrs old, married and a resident of aforementioned place by virtue of WOA under CC# B-08-01-04 charge for the crime of Carnapping issued by Hon Absalon Fulache, Presiding Judge RTC, Baybay City, Leyte.

All subject persons are now detained at their respective lock-up cell for proper disposition.

PRO8 WILL MEET THE EV PRESS

Camp Ruperto K Kangleon, Palo, Leyte - The Police Regional Director PCSUPT ABNER DAYANAN CABALQUINTO enthusiastically exclaimed to the media practitioners here in Eastern Visayas that after the hard days of toiling the work worth doing in supporting police programs and activities, educating and informing the public regarding the Criminal Justice System, and coordinating Community-Oriented activities essential for an effective and efficient service, they need a break!

I have recognized and appreciated so much their efforts and I wanted to establish good rapport and to strengthen the working relationships between us, --- the police men ---- and the media practitioners here, he added.

With this, he is inviting the media men for a “tête-à-tête” tomorrow night at Ocho Grill, Tacloban City. And hopes that these will lead the way in building stronger and dynamic partnerships in maintaining the peace and order situation here in Region 8 and at the same time will give an opportunity to know each other and exchange experiences and ideas in the different interactive activities

PRO 8: VIGILANCE SURE SOLUTION TO CRIMES

Camp Ruperto K Kangleon, Palo, Leyte - PCSUPT ABNER DAYANAN CABALQUINTO , RD PRO 8 is calling for the all-out-support among government agencies, private groups and the public in apprehending lawless elements in Region 8.

To augment this network, additional police help desk were put up in the police stations. He wanted to show that the police are prompt in responding crises or complaints.

In the evening of 23 January, 2008, at District II, Burauen, Leyte, elements of Burauen Police Station led by SPO4 Cristantino Parta arrested one Ricky Quimzon, 33 yrs old, and a resident of aforementioned place by virtue of WOA under CC# 9870 and 9871 for Grave Coercion issued by Hon Aludia Leonido, Presiding Judge of MTC, Burauen, Leyte.

Meanwhile, police operatives from Allen Police Station led by PINSP RODEL ESTURQUE MARITANA, COP together with SPO3 Danilo M Ranela, SPO2 Luis C Amor, SPO2 Wilfreda F Manaog and PO1 Rhon Anton C Rao arrested Rysem Vacunawa alias “Sem” , of legal age, and a resident Brgy Lagundi, Allen, N/Samar on 16 January, 2008, around 10:00 in the morning.

The arresting team was armed with WOA for Grave Oral Defamation docketed under CC# 3298, issued by Hon Judge Raul Francisco of MTC Allen, N/Samar with a recommended bailbond of Php6,000 for his temporary liberty.

Suspects Quimzon and Vacunawa are now detained in their respective locked up cell for proper disposition.

**PRO 8 LAWMEN IS SET FOR THE PROFICIENCY MARKSMANSHIP
TRAINING PROGRAM**

Camp Ruperto K Kangleon, Palo, Leyte - PCSUPT ABNER DAYANAN CABALQUINTO , RD PRO 8, ordered his men that starting this week they will undergo the Proficiency Marksmanship Training by batch. The First Batch is tentatively scheduled this coming Monday or probably on Thursday. Here, they will be mastering the fundamentals of marksmanship including a clear defined set of priorities to guide police men in the use of firearms.

Based on the PNP Commanders Manuel mandated by our Chief PNP, PDGAVELINO IGNACIO RAZON, one of the thrusts of the police is for them to undergo continuous training program/dry firing and actual firing so that PNP personnel could qualify as marksmen.

Further, PCSUPT CABALQUINTO demands more than mastering the fundamentals of marksmanship, including a clearly defined set of priorities to guide these men in the use of firearms. These priorities are: Safety first, Accuracy second and Speed last.

With guidance from trained firearms instructors, each trooper works to develop and maintain an appropriate level of "combat accuracy" under realistic time-constrained conditions; that is, the ability to perform quickly and efficiently without sacrificing safety, he said.

**PRO8/AFP : SHARED RESPONSIBILITY RE: ANTI-INSURGENCY
CAMPAIGN**

“We are always on the look-out for the general welfare, the protection of the civilians whenever an anti-insurgency operation is being conducted”. This has been revealed by PCSUPT ABNER DAYANAN CABALQUINTO, RD PRO 8 while the Press Conference dubbed as “Express It At the Park” at the Leyte Park Hotel has been done at around 9:00 in the morning on 26 January 2008.

Further, he added that we have already tapped local government units in anti-insurgency program of the government through the strengthening of peace and order councils and have established checkpoints all over region 8 at major routes by police stations in their respective area of responsibility.

In line with the Executive Order 546 signed by President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, assigning an active role to the Philippine National Police (PNP) and Local Government Units (LGUs) in the government's anti-insurgency campaign, in which the order allows the police and military to work together in operations against the local communist movement.

To thoroughly discuss and to elaborately present appropriate actions when it comes to anti-insurgency issues and concerns especially in the E/Samar and Samar areas the following guests were present: Col. Francis B Lauza of 801st brigade Commander; Ltc. Larry B Mojica, CO of 34IB, 801 BDE; LtCol Jonathan G Ponce, CO of 62IB, 8ID, PA; Lt Col Jose P Matias, CO of 14IB, 8ID, PA; PSSUPT PRUDENCIO ANCHETA DELA CRUZ, PD Eastern Samar Provincial Police Office; PSSUPT ASDALI IDJAH ABAH, PD Samar PPO; Mayor Cesar G Togon Sr of LGU Hernani; Mayor Cornelio M Bersales of Talalora; Mayor Bok Santiago of Maslog; Alejandro N Abaratigue of Hinabangan; Gilnorman P Germino of Can-avid; and Neil M Alvarez of Oras, E/Samar.

Tree Planting In Guinsaugon, St Bernard, So. Leyte

Soroptimist In Partnership With PNP (PRO8)

The Soroptimist International of the Philippine Region (SIPR), headed by its Governor, Linabelle R. Villarica, and Federation Director, Dulce I. Gozon, in partnership with the Philippine National Police, with Police Regional Office 8 (PRO8) Director, P/CSupt Abner D. Cabalquinto, representing the Chief, PNP, P/DirGen Avelino I. Razon Jr., planted trees in New Guinsaugon Village and (Old) Brgy Guinsaugon, both in St. Bernard, So. Leyte.

This activity was participated by the local government unit, with no less than the Municipal Mayor of St. Bernard, Atty. Rico C. Rentuza, and his constituents, especially those victim-survivors of the Guinsaugon landslide tragedy on February 17, 2006. Over two hundred (200) trees were planted, all of which were named/labeled after the sponsors and partners who made this activity possible, through the initiative of the Soroptimist.

BROD AND SIS SWERTRES COORDINATORS, SEIZED

Camp Ruperto K Kangleon, Palo, Leyte - As time permits, I see to it that all my law enforcers must undergo an intensive training to enhance their knowledge and skills in arresting gamblers using illegal methods, the Police Regional Director PCSUPT ABNER DAYANAN CABALQUINTO confesses during the apprehension of suspected gambler violator on 21 January 2008 at around 8:00 in the evening at Brgy Esperanza, Burauen, Leyte.

Somebody may bribe and corrupt my men just to hook them but I'm telling you this, that such attempt will not happen under my watch because I have been reminding them that being honest is the best technique they can use; right up front, tell people what you're trying to accomplish and what you're willing to sacrifice to accomplish it and no legacy is so rich as honesty, he explained.

The elements of Burauen Police Station led by PI ALBERTO R RENOMERON JR, OIC conducted operation against illegal gambling violators and were able to apprehend brother and sister Abner and Geraldine Tilaon, both residing at Brgy Hibunawan, Burauen, Leyte, are known as "Swertres" coordinators.

Confiscated from their possession and control were: twenty one (21) tally sheets of different number combinations; "swertres" money bets inside a small handbag with different denominations amounted to three hundred pesos (Php 300) and one Ramstar motorcycle without plate number.

They are now in the custody of Burauen Police Station together with the confiscated items for proper disposition while case for violation of RA 9287 being prepared for filing in court.

A FISH VENDOR FROM MERIDA, CAUGHT

Camp Ruperto K Kangleon, Palo, Leyte - The apprehension of one Lucrecio Garias by the elements of Merida Police Station led by PO3 Eriberto S Narido on 22 January, 2008 at Brgy Can-unzo, Merida, Leyte and all other wanted persons here in Eastern Visayas has been done through proper coordination and equipped with necessary arresting documents, lamented by PCSUPT ABNER DAYANAN CABALQUINTO, RD PRO 8.

We don't buy unconfirmed and fabricated information. We always have the means and methods to check them and carefully investigate it before arresting suspected wanted persons. We always try to be more specific in our reasons, and not rely solely on common sense impressions.

Garias, a 44 yr old married man, a fish vendor and a resident of said mentioned place was caught by virtue of WOA under CC# 8178 charged for the crime for Violation of Blg 6 with fixed bail bond amounting to Php 2,000.00. And this has been issued by Hon Lida I Nicol, Presiding Judge of 10 th MCTC Isabel, Leyte.

The suspect is now detained at Mirida lock-up cell for proper disposition.

PRO 8 CELEBRATES 17 TH PNP DAY ANNIVERSARY

The "Mamang Pulis" of Police Regional Office 8 with the active leadership of PCSUPT ABNER DAYANAN CABALQUINTO, has lined-up simple yet fitting different activities in preparation for the 17 th PNP Day Anniversary Celebration, this coming Wednesday, 30 January, 2008 at PRO 8 Parade and Grandstand.

This year's theme is "Mamang Pulis, Tagapagtaguyod ng Karapatang Pantao tungo sa Kapanatagan ng Mamamayan", a call out for firm and aggressive against criminality and organized crime groups, responsive and friendly to the community, PCSUPT CABALQUINTO said.

The celebration will start at exactly 8:00 in the morning with the blessing of the PRO8 Chapel which will be officiated by PSINSP GILBERT C ILAGAN, Regional Chaplain, followed by the formation of troops for the program proper.

The raising of the Philippine Flag and the Singing of the Philippine National Anthem will be played by the seasoned, trusted and skilled musician in the region the Police Regional Office 8 Band.

Invited to grace the occasion as the Guest of Honor and Speaker is no less than the Deputy Chief for Operation Police Deputy Director General REYNALDO PALACIO VARILLA.

He will personally give the awards to be assisted by RD PRO 8 to the chosen and lucky Unit Awardees; Outstanding NUP Category and Civilian Special Awardees during the Awarding Ceremony.

The awardees have been thoroughly and deliberately selected because they set a good example in enforcing the laws, winning wars and touching people's lives while providing police services.

For the Unit Awardees to wit: Best Police Provincial Office - Leyte Provincial Police Office; Best City Police Station - Tacloban City Police Station; Best Municipal Police Station - Almeria Municipal Police Station; Best Provincial Mobile Group - 806 th PPMG, ESPPO; Best WCPD (Urban) - Tacloban City Police Station and Best WCPD (Rural) - Lilo-an Municipal Police Station.

The Outstanding NUP of the Year will be NUP Julmane N Plaza of LPPO.

For the Civilian Special Awardees who have shown unwavering support and display proactive role in all PNP programs go to: Hon Alfred S Romualdez; Mr Glenn D Vallejera; Mr Eugene A Tan; Ms Miriam G Desacada and Architect Librado L Baysa.

Such ceremony will be witnessed and will be participated by our friends from the Eastern Visayas Public Offices, regional directors, media personalities, force multipliers and from the religious sectors.

PRO8: INTENSIFIES CAMPAIGN AGAINST WANTED PERSONS

Camp Ruperto K Kangleon, Palo, Leyte - The Police Regional Director, PCSUPT ABNER DAYANAN CABALQUINTO, encourages all the police station commanders to have a good working relationship with the force multipliers, Local Government Units and to the public in order to apprehend the most wanted persons in Eastern Visayas.

Recently two apprehensions have been done by the elements of E/Samar.

On 19 January, 2008 at around three o'clock in the morning at Brgy Canloterio, Maydolong, E/Samar, elements of Maydolong Police Station led by PSINSP EDWIN BARBOSA, COP together with SPO2 Felix Rillorta, PO3 Gorgonio Hingpis, PO3 Marcial Alday, PO1 Hyacinth Go and PO1 Norman Blato arrested one Noel Bagaporo, of legal age and a resident of said place by virtue of WOA for Attempted Murder docketed

under Criminal Case # 11881 issued by Hon Judge Elvie Lim, Presiding Judge, RTC Br 1, Maydolong, E/Samar.

Then in the morning of January 16, 2008 at Brgy 12, Dolores, E/Samar, elements of Dolores PS led by PSINSP MARCIANO MOSCOSA, COP together with two (2) PNCOs arrested one Patrocenio Tegio, of legal age and a resident of said by virtue of WOA for violation of RA 8550 Sec 86,89,90 and 92 docketed under CC# 09-32 issued by RTC Br 5, Oras, E/Samar.

Both are now under the custody of their respective police station for proper disposition prior to the commitment to the court of origin.

“We are all motivated by a keen desire for praise, and the better a man is, the more he is inspired to glory” - Cicero -

A RESPECT TO THE NEWLY PROMOTED PRO 8 HEROES

Though it was sooner than the scheduled time and was raining hard for the pinning of rank insignia and oath taking ceremony for the newly promoted Sixty Two (62) Police Commissioned Officers and Eight Hundred Twelve (812) Non-Commissioned Officers here in Eastern Visayas, in the morning of 21 January, 2008, during the traditional Monday Flag Raising ceremony, the so-called Police Regional Office 8 Heroes, together with their loved-ones in life, families, relatives and close friends brimmed with joy and proudly attended the said ceremony at Gen Juanito Cabuboy Gymanasium, Camp Ruperto K Kangleon, Palo, Leyte.

Madam Elsa Eloja, the wife of PSINSP MICHALE ELOJA, newly promoted officer from Catbalogan City, Samar said that I salute my husband, the father of our children together with these men and women in uniform for being the hero in their respective assignment in maintaining the peace and order in the community; such deed and act should be emulated by each and every one of us and they deserved such promotion.

Meanwhile, PCSUPT ABNER DAYANAN CABALQUINTO, RD PRO 8 said that part of strengthening the system or meritocracy and excellence of PRO 8 police force is to continuously acknowledge and promote the individuality of all staff by their exemplary performance or particular feats and to treat them with dignity and respect.

With this promotion, I believed that they are now ready to assume higher responsibilities in the PNP organization, he added.

Based on the Calendar Year Regular Promotion Program the Police Commissioned Officers that rose one step higher from their ranks to wit: seven (7) promotees for SPO4 to PINSP; thirty two (32) for PINSP – PSINSP; eighteen (18) for PSINSP – PCINSP; five (5) for PCINSP – PSUPT.

Then for Police Non-Commissioned Officers: four hundred fifty nine (459) PO2 to PO3; two hundred ninety five (295) from PO3 to SPO1; twenty four (24) from SPO1 to SPO2; twenty (20) from SPO2 to SPO3 and fourteen (14) from SPO3 to SPO4.

Present and the well-wishers during the said activity were the members of the Directorial Staff and other PRO 8 personnel.

AN ALLEDGE FINANCIER, A MEMBER OF SB FROM S/LEYTE AND HIS STAFF FACE TWO CHARGES

Camp Ruperto K Kangleon, Palo, Leyte - The Police Regional Director PCSUPT ABNER DAYANAN CABALQUINTO begs to the local chief executives, religious leaders and all people in the community to be vigilant and to be supportive in all PNP anti-crime programs in order to sustain its drive more effectively.

One illegal gambler from Baybay, Leyte was nabbed by the elements of Baybay PS led by PO3 Eliezer Managbanag on 18 January, 2008 at around seven o'clock in the evening at Brgy Gaas, Baybay, Leyte.

The suspect was arrested while engaging in the act of collecting, soliciting bet money for pick three.

Confiscated from his possession and control were several tally sheets, lotto computer tips and bet money amounting to Php 813.50 pesos in different denomination.

The suspect and the confiscated illegal gambling paraphernalia were brought to Baybay PS for proper disposition and appropriate filing of case against the suspect.

Meantime, at around 2:30 pm of 17 January, 2008 at Brgy San Roque, Liloan, S/Leyte, Regional Special Operation Group 8 operatives headed by PSI REYNALDO C GABON, Chief RSOG 8 by virtue of a Search Warrant # 0008-S-2008 issued by Hon Judge Rolando L Gonzales of RTC, 8th Judicial Region, Branch 39, Sogod, S/Leyte last January 16, 2008, successfully raided and search the house of one Jonathan alias Jojo Chua, an alleged financier/coordinator for illegal numbers game locally known as "Swertres" operating at Li-loan and its nearby towns in S/Leyte.

Apprehended during the said search and seizure operation which were witnessed by Brgy Chairman Virginia Cadayona and Brgy Councilor Almarino Morales were: 1. Jonathan Chua @ Jojo, 28 yrs old, married, a Filipino and alleged financier/coordinator, a resident of Brgy San Roque, Lilo-an; 2. Victor Chua @ Vic, 53 yrs old, married, a member of Sangguniang Bayan of Lilo-an, SLEYTE; 3 Edcel Capangpangan @ Cel, 21 yrs old, single, a resident of Brgy San Roque, Lilo-an; 4 Sheena Lorona, 19 yrs old, single, a resident of Brgy San Roque, Lilo-an; 5. Rosenda Monghit @ Neneng, 28 yrs old, married, a resident of Brgy San Roque, Lilo-an; 6. Clarinda Cero @ Clair of Tabak, Tubugon, Lilo-an; 7. Rosila Molina @ Rose, 33 yrs old, married, a resident of Brgy San Roque, Lilo-an; 8. Julie Ann Monghit @ JM, 28 yrs old, single, a resident of Brgy San Roque, Lilo-an; 9. Roselyn Simogan @ Selin, 29 yrs old, single, a resident of Brgy Tagbak, Tubugon, Lilo-an; 10 James Olaco, 24 yrs old, single, a resident of Brgy Calian, Lilo-an; 11. Lizelda Paca @ Zelda, 38 yrs old, single, a resident of Brgy Calian, Lilo-an; 12. Annabel Columbos @ Nabel, 38 yrs old, single, a resident of Poblacion Lilo-an; 13 Denise Acedo @ Didang, 30 yrs old, single, a resident of Pob Lilo-an; 14. Brenda Ballos, 41 yrs old, married, a resident of Brgy San Roque, Lilo-an, S/Leyte.

All suspects were caught by the RSOG8 raiding team while inside the subject's residents actually engaged in revising, tallying, sorting and accounting proceeds and bets for illegal numbers game locally known as "Mid-Day Swertres".

Several gambling paraphernalia and devices such as; tally sheets, control sheets, calculators, ballpens; cellphones and fax machine (for communication purposes), cash money (bets and proceeds), three (3) Honda motorcycles were recovered from the house and including one (1) .45 cal marked colt's PTFA MFG. CO with SN 142168; Two (2) pcs empty Mag assembly of cal 45; one (1) pc Mag Assembly loaded with seven (7) pcs live ammunitions of 45 cal; one (1) pc empty short Mag assembly of 5.56mm cal; one (1) pc brown leather bikini holster; one (1) pc twin mag assembly holder of 45 cal; one (1) snub nose rusty 38 revolver marked Smith and Wesson with SN 082248; one (1) pc long Mag assembly of 5.56 cal loaded with nine (9) pcs live ammos and one (1) pc live ammo of 12 gauge Winchester.

Suspects and evidences recovered were brought to Lilo-an PS for record and proper identification that was subsequently brought to RTC 8th Judicial Region, Br 39 of Sogod, SLEYTE, for the return of search warrant and turn-over of evidences confiscated to the court.

Cases for violation of the Anti-Illegal Gambling Law (RA 9287) and Illegal Possession of Firearms and Ammunitions (RA 8294) were endorsed at the Provincial Prosecutors Office against Jonathan Chua and Vistor Chua and his staff. All suspects are now under the custody of lilo-an MPS, SLEYTE.

Suspect and the confiscated illegal gambling paraphernalia were brought to Baybay PS for proper disposition and appropriate filing of case against the suspect.

A MURDERER SUSPECT IN TACLOBAN NABBED IN PASIG

Camp Ruperto K Kangleon, Palo, Leyte - I am always monitoring and has been ordering the intelligence and operational support units men to intensify manhunt operations to account for personalities listed as most wanted persons here in Eastern Visayas, according to PCSUPT ABNER DAYANAN CABALQUINTO, RD PRO 8.

I am glad that the joint elements of Regional Intelligence Division – Police Regional Office 8 and Regional Criminal and Investigation and Detection Office 8 led by SPO1 Ananias Cayanong Monteroso were able to arrest one John Paul Oquino alias “Kokok” by virtue of WOA for Murder under CC # 2007-08-464 issued by Hon Judge Crisologo Bitas of RTC Branch 7, Tacloban City on 20 January, 2008 at around 4:30 in the afternoon at SM Mega Mall, Pasig City.

So, right now the suspect is presently under the custody of CIDG and will be remanded to issuing court upon arrival in the AOR, he added.

THE SKIPPER OF F/B “TATA” AND HIS CREW, PENALIZED FOR ILLEGAL FISHING

Camp Ruperto K Kangleon, Palo, Leyte - Elements of Almagro Municipal Police Station led by PI MARTY MONUZ together with SPO3 Conrado Unajan and PO1 Candido Bona Jr in coordination with DA of Almagro, Samar apprehended one fishing vessel assumed to be involved in illegal offense.

In the afternoon of 18 January, 2008 at the vicinity of seawater of Marasbaras, Almagro, Samar, apprehended one fishing boat marked “Tata” locally known as “hulbotan” skippered by Jesus Dignos with 15 crew members.

PCSUPT ABNER DAYANAN CABALQUINTO, RD PRO 8 said that any illegal undertakings will be dealt with the full force of law. So the police-maritime teams will step-up their campaign to protect marine resources being destroyed by dynamite and other forms of illegal fishing in said town.

Thus, the subject persons and fishing paraphernalia were released after posting penalty in the amount of Php 25,000.00 under OR# 0355904 issued by the MTO of Almagro.

PRO8: HIGH IN GRADES BUT NOT ON DRUGS

Camp Ruperto K Kangleon, Palo, Leyte - A second year college student of Asian Development Foundation College was caught in flagrante delicto possessing suspected "Marijuana" on 19 January, 2008 at around 6:00 in the evening at Lajaras boarding house, Magalles, Tacloban City.

Based on the report received in this office that the apprehending Officer PO1 Dino Erencio, married, a naïve of Brgy West Awing, Calbayog City and right now assigned at Tacloban City Police Station, presently undergo FTP revealed and disclosed that the offender was being apprehended in his possession and control which turn-out to be one (1) teabag transparent cellophane containing suspected dried marijuana leaves or known as "Cannabis Sativa", a dangerous drug with a street value of sixty (Php 60.00) pesos, while said suspect was on his way to the comfort room of above mentioned place and accidentally slipped off from his right side pocket when timely above police officer was present on the scene.

The suspect and said recovered ill items was immediately brought to Tacloban CPS particularly at AIDSOTF for proper disposition and documentation and same for submission to the PNP Crime Lab and PDEA 8 for chemical analysis.

A case for violation of Section 11 Article 2 of RA 9165 is now being prepared by TCPS for inquest proceeding against the suspect.

The suspect was Elmer Silao Jr, 20 yrs old, single, a 2nd year college student of Asian Development Foundation College, temporary residing at Blk 12, Lot 48, Kassel Holmes, Tac City and a native of Brgy Icot, Villareal, Samar.

PHONE IN, WALK IN COMPLAINT CENTER VS ERRANT COPS.

PSINSP FLORDELIZA PICA KAHANO, Chief Complaints Referral Action Center-PRO 8, resolves an issue being filed by a complainant inside RPCR Office. Such center allows citizens to report any police wrongdoings through the use of text messaging "PNP 2920" and/or personally filing a complaint in the said office. PCSUPT ABNER DAYANAN CABALQUINTO, RD PRO 8 said this will encourage the public to help the PNP in identifying the few rogues in uniform who continue to defy existing regulations on organizational discipline.

VIOLATION OF RA 9287 CHARGED AGAINST TWO MEN FROM LEYTE

Camp Ruperto K Kangleon, Palo, Leyte - Police Regional Director PCSUPT ABNER DAYANAN CABALQUINTO, declared an all out of war against other forms of illegal gambling activities here in Region 8.

He called on to the local officials to educate their constituents regarding the "evils of illegal gambling and the possibility of curbing the menace thru the involvement of the citizenry."

Jus a few days ago at around 10:30 in the evening, the elements of Tacloban City Police Station Intel/Anti-Vice Section conducted anti-illegal gambling operation at the vicinity of Brgy 56, Real St., Tacloban City.

This resulted to the arrest of one Christopher Galvadores, 22 yrs old, married and a resident of said place. Confiscated from the suspect actual possession and control were two (2) bundles of lotto tipster dated 13 Jan 2008.

Then on the same date at around 7:30 in the evening at Brgy Luneta, La Paz, Leyte, elements of La Paz, Leyte led by PO3 Daniel Maquilan apprehended one Nelson Estrella, 50 yrs old and a resident of Brgy. Sto Niño, Abuyog, Leyte for violation of RA 9287 locally known as "Swertres". Confiscated were five (5) pages of yellow pad paper; three (3) sheets for swertres containing different number combination; three (3) pcs swertres tips; one (1) stub with carbon; and one (1) pc ballpen.

Subject persons were detained in their respective lock-up cell and were released after serving the reglamentary period of detention.

Confiscated gambling paraphernalia were deposited in their respective PS for evidentiary purposes and case for same offense are being prepared for filing in court against subject persons

4 WANTED PERSONS IN EV, THE YOUNGEST IS FROM PALO, LEYTE, APPREHENDED

Camp Ruperto K Kangleon, Palo, Leyte - According to Police Regional Director PCSUPT ABNER DAYANAN CABALQUINTO, our police operatives continuously conduct series of operations to arrest any wanted persons freely roaming around in Eastern Visayas. He doesn't allow anyone who has criminal records.

Once again, he congratulated his men for arresting four wanted persons recently.

In the morning of Jan 15, 2008 at Sitio Buntay, Brgy Pawing, Palo, Leyte, elements of Palo Police Station led by SPO3 Repusar arrested one Ruel Ronda alias Hopel, 21 yrs old, single and a resident of said place by virtue of WOA for Theft under CC# 2007-09-514 issued by Hon Judge Santos Gil of RTC Br 8, Tacloban City with Bail Bond recommended amounting to Php 40,000.00 for his temporary liberty.

Then on 14 Jan 2008 at around 1:30 early in the morning at Poblacion, Baybay City, elements of Baybay PS led by PO3 Danilo Ruiz arrested one Felixberto Ulano, 49 yrs old, married, farmer and a resident of Sitio Tipay, Brgy Sta Cruz, Baybay City, Leyte by virtue of WOA under CC# B07-05-42 for Qualified Theft issued by Hon Judge Absalon Fulache, Presiding Judge of RTC, Baybay City, Leyte.

On the same date at around 12:30 noon at Burgos St., Brgy East Awang, Calbayog City, elements of Calbayog City PS led by SPO2 Vedar Tarrayo together with PO2 Mario Merande and PO2 Ignacio Chan arrested one Christopher Agang, 37 yrs old, married and a native of Cabucgayan, Biliran by virtue of WOA for Rape under CC# CB-299 issued by Hon Judge Pepe Dumael, Presiding Judge of RTC Br 37.

Lastly, at around 10:00 am at Brgy Dacay, , Dulag, Leyte, elements of Dulag PS led by PINSP JUDITO N CINCO, arrested one Rolando Odtuhan, 20 yrs old single, laborer and a resident of aforementioned place by virtue of WOA for violation of BP Bilang 6 issued by Hon Judge Victorio Galapon Jr with recommended bail bond fixed at Php 2,000.00 for his temporary liberty.

All of them were properly turned-over to the court of origin for proper disposition