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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 991

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RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY AND THE
COMMITTEE ON MUSLIM AFFAIRS TO CONDUCT A JOINT INQUIRY, IN AID
OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ALLEGED UNREASONABLE SEARCH AND
SEIZURES, AND ILLEGAL WARRANTLESS ARRESTS AGAINST OUR MUSLIM
BROTHERS AND JEWELRY TRADERS IN SAN ANDRES Bukid, MANILA ON
JUNE 12, 2020

WHEREAS, the Mr. Abdullah Palawan Mautie and Mr. Saadudin Alawiya, members
of the Muslim community, jewelry traders, and residents of Amatista, San Andres Bukid,
Manila were allegedly the subjects of unreasonable search and seizures, and illegal
warrantless arrest by members of the Philippine National Police (PNP) on June 12, 2020;

WHEREAS, based on reports, Six (6) members of the Manila Police District (MPD)
Station 5, led by PSupt. Ariel Cabarle Caramoan, went to the house of the victims at San
Andres Bukid, Manila at around Three o’clock in the afternoon on June 12, 2020, and
without properly identifying themselves and absent any search warrant or warrant of arrest,
allegedly broke the main door of the house where Mr. Mautie and Mr. Alawiya are residing;

WHEREAS, reports further indicate that the alleged intrusion into the private homes
of the victims was without proper and prior coordination with the Barangay officials,
Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA), and the police station in the area, in violation
of the standard procedure in conducting search or buy-bust operation;

WHEREAS, it was also reported that there were anomalies in the said police
operation such as the use of falsely marked vehicles with tampered plate numbers; failure of
the police officers to properly identify themselves to the occupants of the house when
requested to do so several times; failure to call representatives of the Barangay, Media, and
DOJ to witness the proper marking of evidence on site, if any; and conduct of prior search before any arrest was made;

WHEREAS, the victims, who are said to be jewelers, claimed that the police officers barged into their house and went to the second floor of their house looking for money and jewelry but after failing to find said items, the PNP personnel brought the victims downstairs and without any witnesses continued their search inside the house for several hours;

WHEREAS, the police officers eventually arrested the victims and detained Mr. Maute and Mr. Alawiya at the MPD Station 5 based on the allegation that in the course of their search without court warrant, illegal drugs were found in the premises of the victims’ residence;

WHEREAS, the PNP is mandated to serve and protect the rights of the people and ensure their safety. However, reports of illegal activities allegedly committed by some PNP personnel contribute to the people’s loss of trust in the PNP and other law enforcement agencies of our country;

WHEREAS, the recurrence of reports of alleged illegal practices committed by law enforcement agencies especially affecting the Muslim population has become alarming and leads the people to believe that these are systematic and institutional failures, requiring a comprehensive review of the existing criminal justice system and law enforcement procedures and protocols;

WHEREAS, allegations that PNP personnel are involved in nefarious activities including unreasonable search and seizures, and warrantless arrests not falling under the exceptions provided by law, should never be condoned, hence, an investigation is necessary to determine the circumstances leading to these illegal activities in order for Congress to legislate remedial measures to ensure that the Constitutional rights of the people are protected and that law offenders are prosecuted: Now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives, to direct the Committee on Public Order and Safety and Committee on Muslim Affairs to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the alleged unreasonable search and seizures, and illegal warrantless arrests against our Muslim brothers and jewelry traders in San Andres Bukid, Manila on June 12, 2020.

Adopted,

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