



## **NEWS RELEASE**

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# **POEA asks court to reconsider decision dismissing case against American recruiter**

The Philippine Overseas Employment Administration finds a prosecutor's resolution dismissing the illegal recruitment case against E-World Resources Center, company based in USA, as erroneous and misplaced.

Prosecutor Jopre Saniel of Davao City Prosecutor's Office dismissed the case of illegal recruitment filed by the POEA against Norman Gibbs, the owner of e-World, and seven (7) of his employees. POEA alleged that as a foreign principal, E-World has no authority to recruit teachers in the Philippines.

The POEA has initiated the filing of complaints after observing the illegal recruitment activity of the group in Davao City in March 2006. The POEA office in Davao reported that Gibbs and his staff conducted a seminar in Royal Mandaya Hotel where Gibbs talked about the need for one million teachers in the USA.

Mr. Gibbs and his employees were arrested by the joint operatives of the POEA Regional Center for Mindanao and the 11<sup>th</sup> Regional Criminal Investigation and Detection Unit for illegal recruitment but was later released on bail on April 3, 2006.

The POEA previously questioned the Order of a Regional Trial Court judge in Davao City granting the Petition to Post Bail filed by the officers and staff of the US-based recruitment company that hires teachers from the Philippines. Large scale illegal recruitment is considered economic sabotage and any petition for bail should not granted.

Executive Judge Renato A. Fuentes, RTC Davao City allowed the temporary liberty of Norman Gibbs and his employees in the amount of P25,000 each or a total of P200,000.

In their joint-affidavit-complaint, Domingo and Bangayan alleged that during a seminar conducted by the respondents at the Royal Mandaya Hotel, Gibbs, assured the more than 100 participants of teaching jobs in the USA. Gibbs said that placement will be made easy through registration at the company's website <http://eworldstaffing.com/> for a fee of P3,000.00.

E-World Resource Center has no license to recruit Filipino workers for overseas employment. Gibbs is the president of [eworldstaffing.com](http://eworldstaffing.com) which is an accredited principal of E-World Staffing Services, a licensed recruitment company in the Philippines, which has job orders for teachers in the USA.

Baldoz said the recruitment activity was illegal because the POEA has not granted any letter of acknowledgment to Gibbs for conduct interview or any recruitment activity outside the registered address of E-World Staffing Services in Pasig City.

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