

NEWS RELEASE

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Owner of recruitment agency jailed

A president of a licensed recruitment agency was put behind bars through a warrant of arrest issued by Judge Romeo C. De Leon of RTC Branch 45, 4th Judicial Region, Calamba City.

Delia Molina y Cabra, the President of Southern Cotabato Landbase Management Corp., was arrested on May 12, 2006 at her residence at 1164 Teresita St., Singalong, Paco, Manila, by the joint operatives of the PNP-CIDG and the POEA-Operations and Surveillance Division, Anti-Illegal Recruitment Branch.

Molina and her co-accused, Lilia Aguelo and Roberto Tongson were indicted for illegal recruitment by 1st Asst. City Prosecutor Rodel T. Paderayon of RTC, Calamba City, Laguna. The accused conspired to recruit for overseas employment without any authority Arnulfo Narciso in Calamba, Laguna sometime in February 2003. The recruiters demanded from Narciso a total amount of Php 45,000 as placement fee. Judge De Leon recommended no bail for the accused because illegal recruitment by a syndicate is considered an offense involving economic sabotage. Illegal recruitment as defined by RA 8042, is deemed committed by a syndicate when carried out by a group of three (3) or more persons conspiring or confederating with one another.

However, Lilia Aguelo with address at Purok 6, New Canlubang Village, Pacano Rizal, Calamba, Laguna, and Roberto Tongson, with known address at Blk. 179, Lot 10, Phase 2, Mabuhay Subd., Brgy. Mamatid, Cabuyao, Laguna remained at large. Any information of their whereabouts may be reported to the OSD- AIRB of the POEA or the PNP-CIDG.

The POEA has already included the names of Delia Molina, Lilia Aguelo and Roberto Tongson in its List of Persons with Derogatory Records, disqualifying them from engaging in the business of recruitment and placement of overseas workers.

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