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## **Illegal recruitment cases filed against owners of recruitment agency**

The owners of Ren-glo Enterprise Placement Agency were formally charged for the crime of syndicated illegal recruitment with no bail recommended, the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration reported yesterday.

Administrator Rosalinda Dimapilis-Baldoz said the POEA endorsed the complaint against Renato Tomas, Gloria Tomas and Albert Apostadero to the Makati city Prosecution Office for preliminary investigation for possible Illegal Recruitment under Republic Act 8042 and Estafa.

The case stemmed from the complaint of Sarah Velasco who alleged that Renato and Gloria Tomas failed to deployed her despite repeated promises and assurances. According to Velasco, the owners of Ren-Glo promised her immediate employment as hotel worker in Spain for a placement fee of P80,000. Velasco paid the initial amount of P30,000 but the promised deployment did not materialize.

Velasco said that after a year, a certain Albert Apostadero who introduced himself as a Ren-Glo representative, demanded and collected from her the additional amount of P10,000, a pocket PC worth P15,000 and her passport supposedly in exchange for a Germany visa. When the promised deployment did not push through, Velasco demanded the return of her money to no avail.

The owners of Ren-Glo did not appear on the scheduled dates of preliminary investigation despite the subpoena issued. The evidence being uncontroverted, the Prosecutor found the case in favor of the complainant. The corresponding information for syndicated illegal recruitment was filed in the Regional Trial Court of Makati. ###