



## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Warrants of arrest issued against three recruiters**

POEA Administrator Jennifer Jardin-Manalili disclosed yesterday that warrants of arrest have been issued by various courts against three suspected illegal recruiters after they failed to deploy eight applicants for overseas jobs from whom they collected placement fees ranging from P22,000 to P130,000 each.

Manalili added that the court has recommended no bail for one of the suspects identified as Lucila Reyes alias Susan Reyes, of 1515 Makati St., Blumentritt, Sta. Cruz, Manila, who is facing at least six (6) counts of estafa cases filed by her victims and the POEA.

Manila Regional Trial court (RTC) Judge Cicero D. Jurado had earlier issued the warrant of arrest on Reyes after she was charged of defrauding at least six job applicants of sums of money ranging from P22,000 to P130,000 each for the supposed jobs in the US but failed to deploy the applicants. When they sought for the refund of their money she was nowhere to be found.

On the other hand, Judge Felixberto Olalia of Manila RTC Branch 8 issued an order for the arrest of one Naviela Dagadas alias Serida or Nabila Diwa with last known address at 939 Julio Napkil St., Malate, Manila.

Dagadas allegedly failed to make good her promise of landing her victim a job in a hotel in Dubai, UAE but she collected P35,000 for visa and passport processing, P12,700 for dental and medical expense and P1,700 for authentication.

Warrants of arrest were likewise issued by Judge Esteban A. Tacia of Mandaluyong RTC Branch 208 against Cherry Cabrera, of Block 5, Lot 36, San Antonio St., Leverma Hills Subdivision, Buhangin, Davao City and Jocelyn Barcoma, of 601 Saturn St., Dreamland Subdivision, Mandaluyong City.

The victim claimed to have given the suspects a total of P92,000 and 4,000 yen as placement fee for a job as factory worker in Japan. The suspects failed to deploy her.

Administrator Manalili urged the public to report to law enforcement authorities or to the POEA the whereabouts of the suspects as she advised prospective applicants to be cautious in dealing with recruiters.

Manalili said applicants should verify with the POEA if the agency they are dealing with is licensed or authorized to recruit overseas workers.

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