

# PNP 'tracker teams' to locate heinous crime convicts

**MANILA** -- The Philippine National Police has deployed tracker teams to locate nearly 2,000 heinous crimes convicts who were freed under the Good Conduct Time Allowance (GCTA) law.

This came after President Rodrigo Duterte gave these prisoners 15 days to surrender, shortly after firing Bureau of Corrections (BuCor) Director General Nicanor Faeldon.

“Following the orders of the President, all police units nationwide have been directed by PNP Chief, Police General Oscar D. Albayalde to immediately receive and account for about 1,700 national prisoners released through GCTA who will heed the order of the President, and opt to surrender within the given 15-day grace period,” PNP spokesperson, Brig. Gen. Bernard Banac said in a statement sent to reporters on Wednesday night.

"Tracker teams will now be deployed to locate these convicts, who will be treated as fugitives if they choose not to surrender. As

fugitives from justice, these convicts can be subjected to warrantless arrest," he added.

Banac said to ensure inter-agency coordination and secure the exact list and addresses of these convicts, the PNP will designate a liaison officer with the Department of Justice and Bureau of Corrections.

Meanwhile, the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) stressed that the re-arrest of these convicts does not equate to double jeopardy.

"The order to re-arrest is consistent with prevailing jurisprudence, particularly the decision of the Supreme Court in *People v. Tan* where it was held that the "prisoner's re-arrest would not place him twice in jeopardy because his re-incarceration is merely a continuation of the penalty that he had not completely served due to the erroneous act of the warden; it is not a new or subsequent conviction. Neither would his re-arrest deprive him of liberty without due process of law, be-

cause he was not yet entitled to liberty at the time he was released," Interior Undersecretary and spokesperson, Jonathan Malaya said in a message to reporters.

Duterte ordered other BuCor officials and the committee responsible for allowing the release of the 1,700 heinous crimes convicts to report to him and Justice Secretary Menardo Guevarra.

Although he will not order their suspension, Duterte said he will have them investigated under the Office of the Ombudsman.

"In the meantime, I will not suspend them but they will be investigated. Diretso na ito sa (But they will go straight to the) Ombudsman. This is a prima facie case. There's an admission that they were remiss in their duties," Duterte said.

Duterte also encouraged the 1,700 heinous crimes convicts to surrender to the nearest police or military stations within 15 days.

“Lahat nakulong at na-release sa batas na ito (All

those jailed and released under this law), 1,900 of you, you surrender and have yourself registered with the BuCor," Duterte said.

"I will give you 15 days liberty provided you make yourself available anytime that you will be called for investigation to have a recomputation or if there's an investigation of corruption that you cooperate fully," he added.

He said all heinous crime convicts who have been released under the GCTA law who will refuse to surrender will be treated as fugitives.

"If you do not, then beginning at this hour, you are a fugitive from justice. And you will be treated as a criminal who is evading the law and well you know things can go wrong. If I were you, mag-surrender na kayo to the nearest police or military detachment wherever you are now," he added.

Duterte said the released inmates with heinous crimes will be automatically barred from leaving the country. (PNA)

# Duterte to review proposed Anti-Child Trafficking Office

**MANILA** -- President Rodrigo Duterte will review a proposal to create an Anti-Child Trafficking Office to prevent child trafficking in the country.

Presidential Spokesperson Salvador Panelo said that the proposal was discussed during Wednesday (Sept. 4) night's Cabinet meeting.

“The President will review the proposal of Special Envoy of the President to United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) Monica Prieto Teodoro to craft an executive order creating an Anti-Child Trafficking Office to address child trafficking in the country,” Panelo said in a statement.

This proposal comes after an American woman, Jennifer Talbot, was taken into custody at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) terminal 3 after authorities found a baby boy inside her luggage.

Reports from the Bureau of Immigration (BI) showed

that the baby was not declared to immigration during departure formalities.

Authorities did not find any travel documents to indicate the infant's information nor documents to prove she has authority to bring the baby abroad.

However, they confirmed that the infant, who is “in good health, is a six-day-old Filipino. He will be brought to the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD).

On Thursday, the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) charged Talbot, as well as the mother of the baby, Maricris Cernon Dulap, and the unidentified biological father who remain at large, with violation of Republic Act 7610 - otherwise known as the Special Protection of Children Against Child Abuse, Exploitation and Discrimination Act. Talbot was also charged by the NBI's International Airport Investigation Department with human trafficking, kidnapping, and serious illegal detention. (PNA)



# Prayer for Healing

**JESUS**, may Your pure and healthy blood circulate in my ailing organism, and may Your pure and healthy body transform my weak body, and may a healthy and vigorous life throb within me, if it is truly Your holy will. Amen.

O BLOOD AND WATER WHICH  
FLOWED OUT FROM THE HEART OF  
JESUS AS A FOUNTAIN OF MERCY FOR  
US, I TRUST IN YOU!



*Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, Have Mercy on us and on the whole world. Amen.*

## 3 O'CLOCK PRAYER

“You died Jesus, but the source of life flowed out  
for souls and the ocean of mercy opened up for  
the whole world. O Fountain of Life immeasurable  
Divine Mercy, cover the whole world and empty  
Yourself out upon us.”

“O Blood and Water which flowed out from the heart of Jesus as a Fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in you!”

“Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One  
have mercy on us and on the whole world.” (3x)  
Amen.

Jesus, King of Mercy, I trust in you!

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