



## DOCUMENTATION FORM

### PART 1: INCIDENT REPORT

Case Number : 04-06-Dingalan, Aurora  
Type of case : Killing  
Name : Philip Agustin  
Media affiliation : Starline Times Recorder  
Time and Date of Incident : 2005 - May 10, 11:45 p.m.  
Place of Incident : His daughter's home in Barangay Paltoc, Dingalan town, Aurora province  
Perpetrators : Reynaldo Morete,  
Nilo "Boyot" Morete  
Manuel Alday  
Dingalan Mayor Jaime Ylarde (mastermind)  
Motive : Agustin was planning to run an expose on the alleged corruption in Dingalan town involving its mayor, Jaime Ylarde, before he was killed.  
Witnesses (if any) : Barangay councilman Valentino Lapuz,  
Roy Canaria  
Reynaldo Morete, 38, alleged that Ylarde had ordered the killing  
Lawyer handling the case :  
Investigating Officer :  
Reference/Contact Persons :  
Telephone Number :  
Address :  
Relation to Victim/Incident :

#### Account of Incident:

Barangay councilman Valentino Lapuz said he was drinking with the victim when the incident occurred. Agustin was dead on the spot. The victim sustained a gunshot wound to the head, which was fired from a .45-caliber gun.

Lapuz said "suspicious-looking men" were seen near his house before the attack.

A case of Murder was filed against the suspects **Reynaldo Morete, Nilo "Boyot" Morete and Manuel Alday** at the DOJ (Manila) docketed under IS Nr. 2005-148.

On 22 May 2006, **Dingalan Mayor Jaime Ylarde** surrendered voluntarily (allegedly 'to clear' his name) to RTC Br 66, by virtue of a Warrant of Arrest, after DOJ indicted him as alleged mastermind in the killing. Mayor Ylarde is presently detained at Aurora provincial police office.

The case against Ylarde is being pursued by the Department of Justice (DOJ) based on a statement made by Reynaldo Morete, a 38-year-old heavy equipment worker, who alleged that Ylarde had ordered the killing. State Prosecutor Emmanuel Velasco said the DOJ would refer Reynaldo Morete to the Witness Protection Program.

Reynaldo Morete claimed his cousin "Boyet" reportedly told him, "Kailangan nang tirahin si Philip Agustin dahil mainit si mayor, dahil lagi siya ang tinitira sa press (Philip Agustin must be taken out because he has earned the mayor's ire, because he is always being attacked in the press)." When Reynaldo Morete asked his cousin whom he meant by "mayor," Boyet reportedly replied, "Mayor Ylarde."

Reynaldo Morete, Boyet and Alday were reportedly on Ylarde's payroll. The three suspects worked in a municipal government construction project and handled bulldozers.

On July 17, 2006, the DOJ approved the transfer of the case to Manila upon the request of the family to get a "fair trial." Although Ylarde appealed to reassign the case to Nueva Ecija.

During the pre-trial proceedings, witnesses Roy Canaria, town councilor Valentino Lapuz and the victim's daughter Rosebelle Cruz also submitted their affidavits.

Marathon hearing at Manila RTC.

Next hearing is on Dec. 6&13, 2006.

## **PART 2: VICTIM'S PROFILE**

Name	:	Philip Agustin
Media affiliation	:	Starline Times Recorder
Position	:	Publisher-editor
Address	:	_____
Birthday	:	_____
Single/Married	:	_____
Children	:	_____
Background as journalist	:	_____