



DOCUMENTATION FORM

PART 1: INCIDENT REPORT

Case Number :
Type of case : Killing (killed with husband)
Name : Maricel Alave-Vigo
Media affiliation : church-run dxND Kidapawan , North Cotabato
Time and Date of Incident : 2006 - June 19, 5:15 p.m.
Place of Incident : along Barangay Singao, Kidapawan City
Perpetrators :
Motive :
Witnesses (if any) :
Lawyer handling the case :
Investigating Officer :
Reference/Contact Persons : Norma Alave (mother of Macel Vigo)
Telephone Number :
Address :
Relation to Victim/Incident :

Account of Incident:

According to Fr. Peter Geremia, an Italian-American missionary who has worked in Mindanao since 1977, George and Maricel Vigo came to visit him on June 19, 2006, just before being killed.

He said "of course they didn't envision a violent death on that day. They didn't even mention threats or issues. They focused on their own personal and family concerns. It was a sort of renewal of their personal relationship and their deepest commitments."

The priest added that "after our long sharing, they walked away holding hands like young lovers. They looked as if that was the happiest moments of their life, a peak experience. They poured out so much affection that I was amazed."

While the couple were on their way home in the afternoon riding a motorcycle, a gunman on a motorcycle with companions shot the Vigos.

Police have tagged **Dionisio Madanggit**, an alleged NPA hitman, as the killer of George Vigo and his wife Mazel. The New People's Army (NPA) strongly denied police charges that one of its fighters was behind the killing

But according to report in Davaotoday.com on Oct. 1, 2006, the day after couple were killed, then Philippine National Police chief Arturo Lomibao came to Kidapawan City to personally hand over a 10,000-peso check to Maricel's mother Norma Alave, supposedly from President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo.

The following day, the police summoned the 60 year Alave to the police station and asked her to sign some documents. She was told that the papers were meant to establish that she was Macel's mother and that George was her son-in-law. Alave who has a failing eyesight, said she signed the document even though she could not read what was written on them.

It was only later when her son Gregorio Alave, 29, found out that the documents his mother had signed included a paragraph that identified the Vigo couple's killer as someone named Dionisio Madanguit. Mrs. Alave said she retracted the statement because she never knew that man.

PART 2: VICTIM'S PROFILE

Name : Maricel Alave-Vigo, 38
Media affiliation : Church-run radio dxND
Position : Program Host
Address : Kidapawan City
Birthday :
Single/Married : Married
Children : three sons, two daughters

Background as journalist :

In college, both Macel and George were members of the College Editors Guild of the Philippines (CEGP) and League of Filipino Students (LFS).

Macel took up BS Chemistry at the University of Southern Mindanao in Kabacan, North Cotabato but stopped schooling. In April 2006, she graduated from BS Development Communication through the Expanded Tertiary Education Equivalency Accreditation Program (ETEEAP).

Maricel and George Vigo became regular staff of a weekly newspaper "The Headliner," published in Cotabato City and circulated in Mindanao from 1998 until it folded up in 2003.

They were both members of the Federation of Reporters for Empowerment and Equality (FREE), an organization of journalists that ran and managed the defunct "Headliner."

Macel maintained a column in The Headliner titled "Feminist Expressions."

Macel, was part-time media relations officer of Rep. Lala Talino and was area coordinator of SPOTS (Solar Power Technology System) of the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR), a project funded by the British Petroleum, to distribute solar power to agrarian reform communities without access to electricity.