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## DOCUMENTATION FORM

### PART 1: INCIDENT REPORT

Case Number :  
Type of case : Killing  
Name : **Orlando Mendoza**  
Media affiliation : Tarlac Profile / Tarlac Patrol  
Time and Date of Incident : 2006 - April 2  
Place of Incident : While riding his jeep from his farm in Tarlac  
Perpetrators :  
Motive :  
Witnesses (if any) :  
Lawyer handling the case :  
Investigating Officer :  
Reference/Contact Persons :  
    Telephone Number :  
    Address :  
    Relation to Victim/Incident :

#### Account of Incident:

Orlando Mendoza was ambushed by unidentified gunmen while on his way home, and sustained fatal wounds to his head and body.

Mendoza, 58, wrote for the "Tarlac Profile" and acted as the editor-in-chief of another newspaper, "Tarlac Patrol". Mendoza was also the vice president of the Camp Marabulos Press Club and a director of the Tarlac chapter of the Central Luzon Media Association (CMLA).

He worked at the local municipal office as a "documentation consultant" on land disputes, according to CLMA. Mendoza used to work in the local office of the Department of Agrarian Reform, a government agency tasked with implementing and managing land reform in the country.

As a journalist, Mendoza wrote columns which did not attack specific individuals or organisations, according to local journalists. However, Mendoza was charged with libel in March 2006 by a local faction of the Philippine Guardian Brotherhood, a military fraternity, for vilifying them in his columns. The charge was dismissed by a local court in late March.

Although he did not discount the possibility that Mendoza's death was media-related, "Tarlac Patrol" publisher Pacifico Guevarra said he was more inclined to believe Mendoza was killed due to his involvement in a number of land disputes.

## PART 2: VICTIM'S PROFILE

Name : Orlando Mendoza, 58  
Media affiliation : Tarlac Patrol  
Position : editor-in-chief  
Address :  
Birthday :  
Single/Married :  
Children :  
Background as journalist : He was Vice president of the Camp Marabulos Press Club and a director of the Tarlac chapter of the Central Luzon Media Association (CMLA).