CRISPIN PÉREZ

Place of Death: San Jose, province of Mindoro Occidental, Philippines

Date of Death: June 9, 2009

Family Background / Civil Status: Married

News Organization/s (position/s): Sa Totoo Lang" for dwDO Heart FM

Job/Employment Classification: Broadcaster

Affiliated Organizations: DWDO Radio, Part-time municipal legal consultant

Academic / Professional Background:

Circumstances:

A radio commentator at the local government-owned FM radio station dwDO in San Jose City, Occidental Mindoro province, died at hospital of gunshot wounds inflicted by an unknown gunman outside his home at around 10 a.m. (local time). Occidental Mindoro is approximately 156 kilometers south from Manila. Earlier reports said Perez had been stabbed, but Major Alberto Villapando, head of the police team assigned to investigate the case, told the Center for Media Freedom and Responsibility (CMFR) in a phone interview that Perez sustained two gunshot wounds from a .45 caliber handgun.

Case Status/Updates:

The National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) and Irene Sunga Perez, widow of slain broadcaster Crispin Perez Jr., filed last 2 July 2009 a murder complaint against Police Officer 2 Darwin Quimoyog.

In her affidavit, Sunga identified Quimoyog as the lone gunman who shot Perez twice in front of their house in San Jose town, Occidental Mindoro last 9 June 2009. Perez was one of the three hosts of the morning program “Sa Totoo Lang (For Real)”, which aired over the local government-owned FM radio station dwDO from Monday to Friday (6:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.).
Sunga, who was in the house during the shooting, alleged that Quimoyog pretended to seek legal advice from Perez, who was also a lawyer. After the consultation, Quimoyog pulled out a gun and shot Perez, according to Sunga.

Local police in San Jose town later recovered the motorcycle the gunman allegedly used when he fled the scene. The motorcycle was traced to Quimoyog, who allegedly bought it last 5 June 2009. Several witnesses said that Quimoyog used the motorcycle to surveil Perez.

Quimoyog, who was stationed at Magsaysay town in Occidental Mindoro, is now under the custody of the Police Regional Office 4-B-Mimaropa at Camp Eugenio Navarro in Calapan City, Oriental Mindoro, according to the NBI.

**Is the killing work-related? Why?**

Irene Perez and dwDO station manager Ferdie Data said Perez’ killing may be work-related. Data said Perez may have earned himself enemies for his criticisms of mining and a supply contract between a local cooperative and a private power firm, among others,