

## Republic of the Philippines Department of Environment and Natural Resources

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SPECIAL ORDER NO. 98-

SUBJECT: <u>DEPUTATION OF CITIZENS CRIME WATCH OFFICERS AS DEPUTY</u>
ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICERS (DENROS)

Pursuant to the provisions of existing environment and natural resources laws, rules and regulations, the following officers of the Citizens Crime Watch are hereby **DEPUTIZED** as Deputy Environment and Natural Resources Officers (**DENROs**) to exercise the power and authority provided for in the aforesaid laws, rules and regulations under the supervision of the Undersecretary for Field Operations effective upon receipt hereof:

ATTY. JOSE MALVAR VILLEGAS, JR - Founder/Chairman/President

TEODULFO PADILLA, JR. - Secretary General

National Chairman, Task Force Kalikasan

SAMUEL L. CE

- Special Asst. to Secretary General Vice-Chairman, Task Force Kalikasan

By virtue of this deputation, they are authorized to detect/investigate violations forestry laws, rules and regulations and to arrest even without warrant any person who has committed or is about to commit in their presence any of the criminal offenses defined in Chapter IV of Presidential Decree No. 705, as amended by E.O. 277.

They are also authorized to apprehend /seize the tools, equipment and conveyance used in commission of the offenses and the natural resources products extracted/cut, gathered/removed and possessed by the offender(s) in the process of committing the offense. In all instances of detection, arrest and/or seizure, they shall deliver within a period as prescribed by law from the time of arrest and seizure the offender(s) and the seized natural resources products, tools, equipment and conveyances used, and file the appropriate complaint with the concerned officials designated by law to conduct preliminary investigation and likewise file the information in court through the CENRO/PENRO/RED concerned.

They are further authorized to administer oath and to take acknowledgment in official matters connected with the function of their Office and to take testimony in official investigations conducted under the authority of the aforecited laws as amended and its implementing rules and regulations.

Furthermore, they shall assist in the enforcement of natural resources laws, rules and regulations, and in the conduct of environment and natural resources information and education campaign such as public meetings/assemblies and other extension activities of the DENR in coordination with its officials/personnel and/or private agencies involved in similar work.

They shall submit to this office a monthly accomplishment report using the standard reporting form provided under DENR Administrative Order No. 41, Series of 1991.

This Deputation Order takes effect immediately and will expire on December 31, 1998 or unless sooner revoked or terminated by this Office.

Undersecretary for Field Operations