



Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Region 13 (CARAGA)
 1559 MATIMCO Bldg., Km. 4 Libertad, Butuan City
 Telephone Nos.: (085) 342-2134 . 815-1299 . 342-2045
 Website: www.dilg13.org Email Address: dilg13@yahoo.com



DILG-13 ORDER NO. 1
 January 21, 2013

POSTAL #1253

**DILG - REGION XIII
 RELEASED**
 DATE: JAN 22 2013
 TIME: 11:59
 BY: A. PLATIL JR

Ms. NORMA LACORTE-SUAL
 Purok 7, Brgy. St. Christine
 Lianga, Surigao del Sur

Dear Ms. Lacorte-Sual:

This refers to your letter requesting this office to take action against Mr. Merenciano M. Martizano, Punong Barangay of Barangay St. Christine, Lianga, Surigao del Sur for grave abuse of authority and grave misconduct.

Please be informed that this Office has no jurisdiction over administrative complaint against elective barangay officials. A complaint against any elective barangay official may be filed before the Sangguniang Bayan of Lianga, Surigao del Sur [Sec. 61 (c), R.A. No. 7160] or with the Office of the Ombudsman [Sec. 21, R.A. No. 6770]. The disciplinary authority of the Ombudsman over the local elective officials is concurrent with the disciplining authority of the sangguniang bayan under Section 61 of the Local Government Code. Whichever first acquired jurisdiction shall exclude the other [Hagad vs. Gozo-Dadole, G.R. No. 108072, January 12, 1995]. However the sangguniang bayan has no authority to dismiss the respondent elective barangay official.

We hope to have clarified you on this matter.

Very truly yours,


 LILIBETH A. FAMACION, CESO IV
 OIC-Regional Director