

[ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 54, May 16, 1967]

**REMOVING MONEBRIO F. ABELLANA FROM OFFICE AS CHIEF OF
POLICE OF DAVAO CITY**

The following sworn administrative charges were filed by complainant Guillermo Teves against Monebrio F. Abellana, Chief of Police of Davao City, to wit:

- (1) Extortion, for having forced the changing of an adverse report by certain police investigators against Lee Dag, a Chinese who was applying for naturalization, into a favorable one in consideration of the amount of P600 paid by the said Lee Dag to the respondent;
- (2) Tolerating or abetting gambling or other illegal games, for not acting on reports of gambling or paying no heed to gambling apprehensions;
- (3) Failing to turn over confiscated blue seal cigarettes, by not making the correct accounting of the said cigarettes turned over to him by his men;
- (4) Abuse of authority and falsification, for having issued regular police IDs to persons who are not regular members of the Police Force;
- (5) Immorality, for maintaining immoral relationships with several concubines;
- (6) Inefficiency, for not performing his job as police chief in connection with the maintenance of peace and order;
- (7) Violation of law, for having caused the appointment of special policemen whom he equipped with badges and IDs.

These charges were accordingly referred to Solicitor General Antonio Barredo who was duly authorized to conduct the investigation thereof pursuant to Administrative Order No. 17, series of 1966. In the meantime, respondent was suspended preventively.

Records bear the fact that hearings were duly conducted by the Investigator, wherein both complainant and respondent with their respective counsel and witnesses appeared and extensive testimonial and documentary evidence for either party were adduced.

In all but the charge of tolerating and abetting gambling, where the Investigator gives respondent the benefit of the doubt, the Investigator found the respondent guilty and on the basis of the findings recommended that respondent be dismissed