

**[ ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 81, August 16, 1967 ]**

**REPRIMANDING AND IMPOSING A FINE ON MR. DOMINGO A. CARILLO, REGISTER OF DEEDS OF LANAO DEL SUR**

This is an administrative case against Register of Deeds Domingo A. Carillo of Lanao del Sur, for alleged shortage of six thousand nine hundred fifty-one pesos and eighty centavos (P6,951.80) in one instance, and one thousand fifty-eight pesos and eighty-three centavos (P1,058.83) in another instance, found in the collections of the registry.

The case was formally investigated by a committee composed of two attorneys of the Land Registration Commission who found respondent guilty of violating an office regulation in failing to deposit daily the cash collections of the registry with the Provincial Treasurer as required by L.R.C. Memorandum Circular dated December 11, 1956. The Land Registration Commissioner concurred in the recommendation of the committee that respondent be fined in an amount equivalent to three months salary, which recommendation was, likewise, concurred in by the Secretary of Justice.

The records show that on June 9, 1961, Mr. Escolastico Bonete, Acting Assistant Provincial Auditor of Lanao del Sur conducted an examination on the cash and accounts of respondent. Respondent was found short of ₱6,951.80, as a result of which, he was ordered formally investigated.

Respondent did not dispute the findings of the examining auditor as to the alleged shortage but offered the explanation that said amount of P6,951.80 was in his house for safekeeping at the time of examination because the safe of said office had been out of order since 1958; hence cash collections of the registry were either deposited in the office of the Provincial Treasurer or kept in his house for safekeeping.

It was further averred by respondent that he chose to keep the money in his house because of his experience in the past that at times there was no money in the Provincial Treasurer's Office with which to exchange his receipts of deposits at the time of remitting said collections to the National Treasurer.

With respect to the shortage of P1,058.83, it was alleged that the respondent was found short thereof upon examination by an examiner of the Auditor's Office on August 23, 1962.

However, the records show that on June 9, 1961, after respondent was declared short of his cash collections in the amount of P6,951.80, he designated Mr. Valentin Sabaduquia, a clerk in the Register of Deeds Office as collecting clerk and accountable officer, charged with the duty of issuing receipts, collecting and