

**[ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 10, March 01,
1954]**

**SUSPENDING MUNICIPAL JUDGE EDMUNDO S. PIÑGA OF
ZAMBOANGA CITY.**

This is an administrative case against Municipal Judge Edmundo S. Piñga of Zamboanga City who is charged with wrongful issuance of a search warrant, resulting in the illegal arrest and detention of complainant Domingo Samonte and one Tomasa Aguilar.

It appears that on September 21, 1951, Detective Honorio A. Ybera of the Zamboanga City Police Department applied with the respondent judge for the issuance of a search warrant for the premises where Domingo Samonte and Tomasa Aguilar were allegedly living in illegal relationship so that they could be seized and brought to court, to be dealt with in accordance with law. On the same date the respondent issued the warrant applied for, which reads as follows:

"SEARCH WARRANT

"The People of the Philippines

"To any Policeman in the City of Zamboanga

"Proof, by affidavit; having been presented this day before me by AGRIFINA TORIBIO DE SAMONTE, that her husband Domingo N. Samonte is now living with another woman by the name of Tomasa, in Talon-Talon, City of Zamboanga, should be apprehended and brought to the undersigned.

"You are hereby commanded to make an immediate search at any time of the day or night, of the premises above-described and forthwith seize and take possession of the persons of Domingo N. Samonte and Tomasa and to arrest the offenders and bring before me to be dealt with as the law directs.

"Given under my hand this 21 day of September, 1951, in the City of Zamboanga, Philippines.

"(Sgd.)
EDMUNDO S.
PIÑGA
"Judge,
Municipal Court
"Zamboanga
City" (Exh.A.)