

[ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 67, August 12, 1948]

REMOVING MR. JOSE Z. TIAPON FROM OFFICE AS CHIEF OF POLICE OF THE CITY OF DAVAO

This is an administrative case against Mr. Jose Z. Tiapon, Chief of Police of the City of Davao, arising from 52 charges filed by Mayor Leon A. Garcia and Chief of the Secret Service Alfonso Teodoro.

After a careful perusal of the evidence, testimonial and documentary, presented during the investigation of the case conducted in the City of Davao, I find the following facts to have been established:

(1) That in the operation of the fish corral business of respondent's wife, the official jeep marked "Chief of Police" was utilized on several occasions in transporting fish from the fish corrals to the public market at Bankerohan; that respondent availed himself from time to time of the services of Detective Jesus Torre Franca and Patrolman George Varian for this private purpose; and that respondent took advantage of his position by improperly utilizing the services of Patrolman Ceferino Taleon in the driving of his wife's weapons carrier which was used in the hauling of fish from her fish corrals to the public market.

(2) That by helping solicit advertisements for the Davao Post Express, published and printed by the "Commercial Press", and allowing a member of the Davao Police Force (Patrolman Marcial Lariosa) to do painting jobs at the Commercial Press establishment, respondent has shown his personal interest in, if not actual connection with, the commercial printing business in which his wife has part interest, thus taking advantage of his official position as Chief of Police to further said business and even going to the extent of ordering food from the Aroma Restaurant and signing the chits thus: "For the Commercial Press, Jose Z. Tiapon, Chief of Police."

(3) That respondent had been issuing identification cards to persons, designating them as "peace officers of the City Police Department * * * vested with police powers" and that one of the persons so designated, Inong Awi, does not even know how to read and write.

(4) That respondent, in recommending to the City Mayor for appointment in the police force an escaped convict from Muntinlupa (Enrique Altamira) and persons who later turned out to be unworthy (Patrolmen Tribunal and Niega—both convicted of robbery), failed to exercise the necessary precaution and diligence in the selection of his subordinate personnel.

(5) That respondent, in a personal and confidential letter to the Mayor of the City of Davao, requested the latter to use his influence so that the case for robbery against