

[ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 173, May 15, 1969]

EXONERATING JOSE C. ORBE AS CHIEF OF POLICE OF ILIGAN CITY

This is an administrative case against Chief of Police Jose C. Orbe of Iligan City for alleged maltreatment, conduct unbecoming a chief of police, grave abuse of authority and drunkenness filed by Vice-Mayor Gerardo Padilla and Councilors Benito Ong, Providencio Abragan, Manuel Celdran, Edilberto Noel and Bonifacio Legaspi of said city. The case was formally investigated by the Board of Investigators of Iligan City composed of Capt. Romualdo Sanchez, P.C., as Acting Chairman and Councilor Casimiro Cabigon, member. The third member of the Board (City Treasurer Daniel Tuazon) inhibited himself from participating in the hearing of the case because of his close personal relation to respondent.

The charges against respondent chief of police are as follows:

(1) For Maltreatment and Conduct Unbecoming a Chief of Police:

"That on or about December 11, 1965, the aforementioned Chief of Police, while under the influence of liquor and without any provocation boxed and maltreated one Leodegario Cabili; that when one Pat. Camilo Sanchez went near the said Leodegario Cabili, Major Orbe met him with a fist blow and thereafter divested the said Patrolman Sanchez of the latter's Garand rifle and revolver. At this juncture, one Patrolman Andres Torralba of the Iligan City Police Department tried to pacify the Chief of Police, but instead of calming down, the Chief of Police boxed the said Andres Torralba, cocked and pointed his pistol at the latter and thereafter dared Andres Torralba to fight him. All these happened in the presence of many people and in front of the Bascon Hotel in Iligan City which is frequented by many out-of-town guests.

"That in or about July 1962, while Patrolman Marcelo Alfeche of the Iligan City Police Department was on his beat at Quezon Avenue, Iligan City, the Chief of Police, without any provocation on the part of the aforementioned Marcelo Alfeche, with the use of the trench knife, stabbed the said patrolman but luckily he was able to evade the thrust of the knife."

(2) Grave Abuse of Authority:

"That on to about May 13, 1967, the Chief of Police, Major Jose Orbe, with grave abuse of authority ordered Police Lt. Anselmo Orellana of the Iligan City Police Department, to work for and secure a bail bond for one PC Capt. Hidalgo who was then under arrest by virtue of a duly issued