

DACER SLAY CASE

DOJ panel ends preliminary probe of Lacson

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MANILA – A panel of Department of Justice prosecutors has concluded its preliminary investigation of Senator Panfilo Lacson in the Dacer-Corbito murder case without waiting for the senator to submit his counter-affidavit.

Senior State Prosecutor Peter Ong, who chaired the panel, ruled that the case was already deemed submitted for resolution, shooting down the appeal of two lawyers for Lacson who asked for another extension to submit their counter-affidavit.

“We have given them enough time. Its been 60 days, we are submitting the case for resolution,” Ong said.

Lacson himself did not show up at all during the preliminary investigation which started several months ago.

At the last hearing on September 28, the DoJ panel subpoenaed the senator to appear before them.

The panel also gave the senator 10 days, or until October 8, to respond to the murder charges filed by the family of publicist Salvador “Bubby” Dacer, who was abducted and killed along with his driver Emmanuel Corbito in November 2000 allegedly by members of the defunct Presiden-

tial Anti-Organized Task Force (PAOCTF). Lacson used to be the head the PAOCTF.

At the hearing Thursday morning, Lacson’s lawyers Alexander Poblador and Gregorio Fernandez took turns asking for another 10-day extension.

Poblador asked the prosecutors to take “judicial notice” that they have filed a petition before the Supreme Court to stop the hearings, while Fernandez said they were not yet ready to file a counter-affidavit since he has not met with the senator lately.

“This case is now submitted for resolution,” Ong ruled, reminding Lacson’s lawyers that they have already received their requested pieces of forensic evidence from the National Bureau of Investigation since September 23.

“Not a single piece of evidence, not a single page, was not furnished to your client,” Ong went on, overruling the continued appeal of Lacson’s lawyers.

During last month’s preliminary investigation, the panel warned Lacson that the case would be submitted for resolution if no counter-affidavit would be submitted Thursday.

But Fernandez complained to reporters that the senator was under “political persecution.”

“We’re not saying (it’s the panel) but perhaps some people are out to get him,” he said. ■

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