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9 OFFICERS CUSTODY TRANSFERS TO THE ARMY HEADQUARTERS

Camp Emilio Aguinaldo, Quezon City— With cases still undergoing trial under the Special General Court Martial (SPGCM) Number 2, custody of nine officers is scheduled to be transferred Wednesday from Headquarters 2nd Infantry Division at Camp Capinpin, Tanay Rizal to the Headquarters of the Philippine Army in Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City.

Maj Leomar Jose M Doctolero, Maj Jason Y Aquino, Cpt Montano B Almontovar Jr., Cpt Isagani O Criste, Cpt Joey Fontiveros, Cpt James C Sababan, Cpt Dante Langkit, Cpt. William Victorino F Upano and 1Lt Homer A Estolas are facing the Charge of Mutiny before the SPGCM 2.

Gen. Delfin Natividad Bangit, Chief of Staff AFP, as detaining authority/convening authority under AW 70 (Arrest or Confinement) which has discretion on custody to a Philippine Army unit for future appearances in any of the hearings and proceedings before the corresponding SPGCM 2. Bangit acted on the matter after the counsel of the accused officers, Atty Vicente Verdadero, gave a request for the transfer of custody with the assurance that said officers while in custody will conduct themselves properly as officers of the AFP and shall abide faithfully by the conditions that the AFP will impose.

Bangit, said, “the officers will be released to the Philippine Army through BGen. Tristan Kison who will take full charge and responsibility of the custody. They will be attached but unassigned to the Headquarters Support Group of the Army without any designation or position or whatever kind except to perform ordinary office duties.

The SPGCM Numberr. 2 has dismissed the charges of AW 63 (Disrespect to the President), AW 65 (Willfully Disobeying Superior Officer), AW 67 (Mutiny), AW 96 (Conduct Unbecoming an Officer and Gentleman) and AW 97 (Conduct Predudicail to Good Order and Military Discipline) against Lim by granting the “Motion for finding of Not Guilty” filed together with several co-accused except for violation of AW 63 (Mutiny).