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Three (3) LGBTQ+ were caught by the Local Government of Barangay Pandacaqui, Mexico, Pampanga for violating the curfew being imposed upon the said barangay on April 5, 2020. Consequently, P/B Christopher Bombing Punzalan, Pandacaqui's barangay captain, singled out the said three (3) LGBTQ+ and punished the same by ordering them to kiss each other and making them dance in front of a 15-year-old boy who was one of the curfew violators.

The said incident was even documented by the said barangay captain via Facebook Live. The 3 LGBTQ+ were offended to the said discriminatory action against them of which was evidently committed by the said barangay captain. According to them, punishing them for violating the aforesaid curfew is fine but making the said punishment available in public via social media is for them an unacceptable action.

Meanwhile, after the said documented punishments went viral, P/B Punzalan apologized stating that he respects the LGBT community and reasoned out that he did the said discriminatory action for the reason that he is exhausted from catching and punishing violators of the ECQ protocols. CHR Region III investigated and monitored the case.