

### Complaint Source: GBV Case in Mandaluyong City

A married woman and her husband had an intense argument on April 6, 2020. The husband got very angry while having a fight with her and tried to hurt the latter but the latter succeeded in kicking her husband however the same got to hit her using a hammer. She was told by her husband that she has to leave the conjugal house as according to him, he owns the said house contrary to her claim that she spent her money in building the house.

According to her, her husband filed a blotter report for physical injuries before the barangay and thus lost her chance to report the physical and verbal abuse committed by her husband before the barangay. Consequently, she went to the City Hall of Mandaluyong in order to file a case against her husband for violation of RA 9262 (VAWC) but to no avail.

The PNP Women's desk told her that they only entertain cases of physical violence and her case must be resolved first before the barangay. Moreover, PNP Women's Desk advised her that even if she was able to secure a medical certificate, she has to come back after the lifting of the Enhanced Community Quarantine or even after the observance of Holy Week.

After receiving the victim's case, the CHR Gender Equality and Women's Human Rights Center (GEWHRC) sent a letter to the Local Chief Executive of Mandaluyong furnishing the same to the Philippine National Police Women Children Protection Center (PNP - WCPC). GEWHRC also provided legal advice to the victim notwithstanding the fact that she decided not to pursue the case against her husband anymore.