

## **GBV CASE IN NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION**

Maricole Ramos was arrested by the Anti-Human Trafficking Division of the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) for prostituting herself and other two (2) girl victims in an apartelle located at Quezon City. One of the girl victims is a minor and both victims are from Caloocan City.

Ramos admitted that she convinced via online the two girl victims to prostitute themselves in exchange for P 3,000.00. On the contrary, the girl victims claimed that they were not aware that they were supposed to prostitute themselves and were told by Ramos that they will just go someplace. It was later discovered that the two victims ran away from their home in Caloocan City and that their parents were not aware that they are going to Quezon City. Ramos reasoned out that her family has no more food to eat and that her family is not listed to receive the government subsidy under the Social Amelioration Program, the reason why she committed the said crime. Consequently, she was charged for the crime of Human Trafficking.

NBI advised all parents to closely monitor their children most especially their daughters as there are many unscrupulous persons who may lure their daughters to make an income during the COVID-19 pandemic. It further advised all barangays to be more stringent in granting a quarantine pass to its respective residents. It came to their knowledge that one of the victims was able to secure the said quarantine pass despite the fact that she is not the one in charge of buying essential goods for her family.