

GBV CASE IN REGION IV-A

A fourteen (14) years old girl was raped by her 24-year-old uncle in Region IV-A. The victim's uncle is a first cousin of her father and is also living nearby their house. As reported, the said perpetrator is courting the victim and he told the victim at the time of the incident that they will just testing the carnal knowledge. The victim at the time of the incident cannot fight back as her uncle is stronger than her. It is further alleged that the occurrence of the said carnal knowledge was known to other two (2) adults who were present during the incident and who were also within the vicinity of the place where the crime was committed. The victim was threatened not to disclose the said carnal knowledge to anyone.

Eventually, the mother of the victim commenced to suspect and asked one of the members of Pambansang Koalisyon ng Kababaihan sa Kanayunan (PKKK) to talk to the victim. Consequently, after hearing the statement made by the victim, PKKK member assisted the victim and her mother to report the said incident to the aforesated region's PNP Women's Desk. They were able to give statements and were advised to secure a medico legal from the Provincial Office without giving further details as to how they can secure the said medico legal. Unfortunately, they also failed to report the said incident to the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office (MSWDO) as the workforce of the said office was busy attending to the distribution of subsidy under the Social Amelioration Program. Moreover, the PNP Women's Desk advised the victim and her mother that they might file the criminal case against her uncle when the Enhanced Community Quarantine is finally lifted.

Meanwhile, through the assistance of PKKK National, the victim and her mother were able to locate and communicated with the said region's Women and Children Protection Unit. They were eventually secured a medico legal of the victim through the assistance of the Municipality's Vice Mayor and were advised to wait for 3 days for the needed result. The victim and former's mother wished to be assisted in filing a criminal case against the victim's uncle. The perpetrator is living nearby the victim's house and has no any idea as regards the action that being taken by the victim's family.