

Acting City Police Director Sr. Supt. Angelito Casimiro clarified yesterday that the police do not operate on speculations even as he pointed out that the rule of law is applied to all no matter how difficult it may be.

“It is a sign of weakness in the police investigation if we do shortcuts in the application of the law,” Casimiro said when asked about a report that a certain police officer may have had a role in the recent shooting incidents in the city.

He said security forces continue to pursue operations against anybody trying to disturb the peace and tranquility of Zamboanga City and “we should not get tired of doing it”.

Meanwhile, Casimiro said a case has already been filed in court against Ebol Bayoyong Y Famol for illegal possession of explosive.

The suspect was arrested during an operation at Sitio Palo-Palo, Muti last Saturday . He yielded a bottleful of ammonium nitrate with blasting cap, detonating cord measuring more or less 100cm in length, eight pieces in blasting caps, 12 pcs assembled blasting caps and 13 kilos of ammonium nitrate.

The acting city police director, however, stressed that the suspect is still under investigation as to his affiliation with any crime group.

On the campaign against wanted persons, the police pulled out six operations that resulted in the arrest of six persons who had been wanted for various crimes, while six others were locked up in jail following their arrest in a series of anti-drug operations.

The anti-carnapping operation, on the other hand, recovered four stolen motorcycles from Rowel Sadulang Y Bastiong in Barangay Recodo last July 1. He is now detained.

No shortcuts in law enforcement — police

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On traffic law enforcement, the police impounded 2 motorcycles, 8 tricycles and a passenger jitney while 354 erring drivers were issued citation tickets and 20 others were issued temporary operating permits. — Vic Larato