

Police have identified the killer of an Ateneo de Zamboanga University (ADZU) graduate who was gunned down at a refreshment parlor along Veterans Avenue Extension last June 22, 2013.

Men of OIC-City Police Director Sr. Supt. Jose Chiquito Malayo have already forwarded to the City Prosecutor Office a case against Edgar Dela Cruz y Saavedra, married, of Talabaaan, who shot and killed Justine Raphael "Jad" Wee y Fernandez, 22, an ADZU graduate and an executive associate of XTRM 1-11, dealer of Usana food supplements, at the time of his death.

The case was submitted to the prosecutor's office last July 15, 2013 and was recorded as NPS IX-06-INV-13G-00316.

Saavedra's involvement in the gunslaying was uncovered by the police during a full-blown and intense investigation triggered by strong clamor from ADZU faculty members and students and other groups for authorities to exert extra efforts to get the killer or killers and solve other gunslayings which have created an alarming peace and order situation in the city.

Wee, who is a son of a local businesswoman, was taking snacks at RJ refreshment parlor when a gunman wearing full face motorcycle helmet crept in and shot him at close range. He sustained a bullet wound in the left cheek and was rushed to the hospital where he expired the following day.

The ADZU community held an inter-faith prayer rally and candlelight ceremony urging authorities to get Wee's killers.

Investigators were reportedly looking at land dispute and other angles that led to the killing of Wee.

Meanwhile, police led by Supt. Haywien Salvado of the Divisoria police station have also forwarded to the prosecutor's office a case of murder against Kagawad Wildrido Sabillano y

Fernandez for the killing of Wilfredo Prieto in Lumbangan last July 12. The case was received by the duty prosecutor and was recorded as IS-IX-06-INV-13G-00320 last July 15, 2013.

A case of frustrated murder and frustrated homicide were likewise forwarded to the City Prosecutor Office against Riza Faizar y Annuary (arrested) who shot and wounded SSgt. Nelson Mariano and Ricardo Campaño, a teenager, at Sitio Uwak, San Roque last July 13 around 8:30 p.m.

Faizar availed of the 15-day waiver and was detained at the Sta. Maria Police Station. – Dan Toribio Jr.