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TO : ALL MEMBERS OF THE PHILIPPINE DENTAL ASSOCIATION
FROM : **DR. JOSE ANGELO G. MILITANTE**
President, PDA
DATE : October 13, 2021
SUBJECT : **ADVISORY ON THE RECENT ROBBERIES OF DENTAL CLINICS**

Greetings! I Hope this letter finds you all well and safe.

The recent robberies of dental clinics in Cavite have caused added stress to us in this challenging time. We stand as one in condemning the reprehensible act committed by the perpetrator. We will never tolerate the same from others who would try to follow his actions.

Please know that the safety of our dental practitioners and patients is our top priority. The Philippine Dental Association has exerted efforts by communicating this urgent concern to the Chief of the Philippine National Police, PGEN Guillermo Lorenzo Eleazar, and our PNP Dental Chapter led by our very own PCOL Mark Manfred Solero.

In our communication, the PDA requested immediate assistance that the perpetrator of the crime be immediately apprehended. We also asked for strengthened police visibility and responsiveness, not only in Cavite but also in all parts of the country.

For the time being, PDA strongly advises that proper scheduling of your patients on a by appointment basis only would help increase the safety of your clinic. **Additionally, the following may serve as additional precautionary measures:**

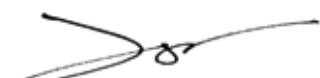
1. Installation of CCTV cameras on your dental clinic's strategic areas and public areas;
2. Have the patient/visitors remove their bull caps and hats upon entering the clinic's premises and,
3. Limiting the number of people/visitors on the premises.

We would also like to remind our fellow dentists to be vigilant by taking the following actions:

- Immediately report suspicious activity in your area;
- Seek immediate assistance from your local barangay officials and local PNP units.

Please take all other necessary precautions to be safe and to protect yourself.

Thank you very much.


DR. JOSE ANGELO G. MILITANTE
PDA PRESIDENT