



**ABS-CBN
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**KAPISANAN NG MGA BRODKASTER
NG PILIPINAS**

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Legaspi Village, Makati City



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Attn. : **Mr. Joselito G. Yabut**
Corporate Secretary

Re : **In the Matter of the Investigation of the Broadcast Media Coverage of
the August 23, 2010 Hostage-Taking Incident at Rizal Park, Manila,
SA Case No. 2010-03-09**

Gentlemen;

Respondent ABS-CBN Corporation (the "Company"), wishes to inform the Board of Trustees that it shall abide by the Order dated 12 April 2011, a copy of which was received on 4 April 2011, and shall pay the fine of Thirty Thousand Pesos (P30,000.00).

However, the Company wishes to make of record that it neither agrees with nor admits any liability in connection with the KBP Standards Authority's Decision dated 15 December 2010, finding the Company to have violated Article 6 of the KBP Broadcast Code for its coverage of the 23 August 2010 Quirino Grandstand hostage-taking incident. The Company also disagrees with the KBP Board of Trustees Order dated 12 April 2011 denying its appeal from said Decision.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Ma. Cherrie Cruz
MA. CHERRIE R. CRUZ
Legal Counsel

Cc: Ms. Diana C. Gozum
Chairperson, KBP Standards Authority

Kapisanan Ng Mga Brodkaster Ng Pilipinas
6/F LTA Building, 118 Perea St., Legaspi Village
Makati City

IN THE MATTER OF THE INVESTIGATION OF
THE BROADCAST MEDIA COVERAGE OF THE
AUGUST 23, 2010 HOSTAGE-TAKING INCIDENT
AT RIZAL PARK, MANILA.

ABS-CBN CORPORATION
(ABS-CBN CH. 2),

CASE NO. 2010-03-09

Respondent.

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ORDER

Brought before the KBP Board of Trustees is an Appeal Memorandum requesting for a reversal of the penalty of censure and fine in the amount of Thirty Thousand Pesos (P30,000.00) imposed on respondent ABS-CBN for violation of Article 6 (Crime and Crisis Situations), Sec.4.

The Appeal was referred by the Board to a Special Appeals Committee composed of four (4) members of the Board. In summary, respondent's counsel argues that the Company exercised self-restraint in its broadcast coverage of a legitimate news story . After due deliberation, the Committee reported to the Board its findings and find no basis to reverse the decision rendered.

In view of the above, the appeal of respondent is denied and the decision of the KBP-SA is affirmed. Respondent is given ten (10) working days to settle the fine. All fines left unpaid within the ten (10) working day period shall be subject to a penalty charge of one point five (1.5%) per cent per month starting from the day following the expiry of said period until fully paid.

SO ORDERED. Makati City, April 12, 2011.

Certified by :


JOSELITO G. YABUT
Corporate Secretary

cc: Ms. Diana C. Gozum, SA Chairperson



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11 February 2011

**KAPISANAN NG BROADCASTER
NG PILIPINAS**
6th Floor, LTA Building, 118 Perea Street
Legaspi Village, Makati City

Attn. : **The Board of Trustees**

Re : **In the Matter of the Investigation of the Broadcast Media Coverage
of the August 23, 2010 Hostage-Taking Incident at Rizal Park,
Manila, SA Case No. 20109-03-09**

Gentlemen;

ABS-CBN Corporation hereby submits its Appeal Memorandum in connection with its appeal from the Decision dated 15 December 2010 of the KBP Standards Authority.

In a letter dated 25 January 2011, the KBP Board of Trustees directed the Company to submit its Appeal Memorandum within ten (10) working days from receipt thereof. The Company received said Order on 28 January 2011 and, consequently, has until 11 February 2011 within which to submit its appeal memorandum.

This appeal is limited to the finding in the appealed Decision that the Company violated Section 4, Article 6, Part I of the Broadcast Code and imposed upon it the penalties of censure and a fine in the sum of Thirty Thousand Pesos (P30,000.00).

Section 4, Article 6 of the Broadcast Code provides:

"Sec. 4. The coverage of crime or crisis situations shall not provide vital information or offer comfort or support to the perpetrators."

The alleged violation pertains to the alleged provision of "vital information" to the hostage-taker during ABS-CBN's coverage of the Quirino Grandstand hostage crisis on 23 August 2010. In this regard, it bears emphasis to state that the Honorable Standards Authority failed to explain how the Company's coverage violated the cited rule of the Broadcast Code. The Decision merely quoted parts of ABS-CBN's news reports and, thereafter, concluded that there was a violation. The absence of any explanation of its findings is itself sufficient basis to set aside the Decision for being without basis.

In making a determination on whether the pertinent Broadcast Code provision was violated, two (2) requisites must exist: first, information was given and, second, such information was vital. In this regard, it is important to recognize that the term "vital information" should be understood in the context of the factual circumstances obtaining in the coverage that is the subject of the case. In this case, it is clear that "vital" information should be such information that (1) is not known to the hostage-taker by some means other than the coverage and (2) is helpful to the hostage-taker in repelling the assault on the bus. On this basis, ABS-CBN did not provide any vital information to the hostage-taker.

THE HOSTAGE-TAKING SITUATION

To be able to properly evaluate the news reports, it is essential to understand the perspective and situation of the hostage-taker. The hostage-taker was inside a bus, with wide windows all around the bus. The bus itself was parked in front of the Quirino Grandstand, in the middle of a wide, open space. There were no other vehicles around the bus. Thus, the hostage-taker had an unobstructed view of open areas of approximately twenty (20) to thirty (30) meters around the front, back and either side of the bus.

From the hostage-taker's position, he had the ability to see police movements from the front and rear windshields and windows. In fact, during his interview over RMN, the hostage-taker said that he saw the approaching SWAT team, viz:

*"MENDOZA: Eh wala na po... **Kasi nakikita ko ang dami nang SWAT na dumadating ha... Ang daming SWAT na dumadating nakikita ko sa palibot, at ako naman alam ko papatayin din nila ako kaya magsi-alis na sila dahil anytime gagawin ko din yun dito.**" (Emphasis supplied)*

The hostage-taker even stated that he saw snipers.

*"MENDOZA: Ibinigay ko yung dalang sulat, ibinalik ko, eh, nakikiusap lang na maging peaceful ako, na maging kalmado at pagbigyan ko nga, ay hindi ganun kadali yon. **Ayan oh may nakita akong sniper ha!** Ay sabihin mo sa kanya baka hindi niya kayang i-sniper yung nakatayo sa harapan ng bus ha! Baka sabihin mo din sa umii-sniper baka hindi nila kayang patamaan yung nasa loob ng bus ha, kayang kaya kong patamaan yung nasa pintuan, kaya kamo ay bitawan 'yang **mga sniper** na yan.*

*MICHAEL: Okay naririnig po kayo ngayon sa pamamagitan ng RMN. Naririnig po kayo ng mga pulis, meron po ba kayong pakiusap dun sa **mga sniper na sinasabi ninyo?***

*MENDOZA: **Ah yung mga sniper eh pag 'di sila nagsi-alis sa kanilang puwesto ay sasampolan ko sila at ii-snipe-in ko kamo yung nasa pintuan!**" (Emphasis supplied)*

A copy of the excerpts from the hostage-taker's RMN interview as reported in Philippine Daily Inquirer on 29 August 2010 was attached as Annex "A" to the Company's Memorandum dated 19 November 2010. A copy is also hereto attached as **Annex "A"**.

NO VITAL INFORMATION WAS GIVEN

In view of the hostage-taker's unobstructed view of the open areas surrounding the bus, the Company's report on police movements was something that the hostage-taker already knew. The Company's broadcast was nothing different from what the hostage-taker easily saw himself, and, thus, saw and heard for himself, given his three hundred sixty degree vantage point inside the bus. Since this information was already known to the hostage-taker, therefore, the Company's broadcast did not provide any information that was not already available or that may be considered "vital".

In the Decision dated 15 December 2010, the Honorable Standards Authority cited several statements made by the Company's reporters in support of its findings. As will be discussed, the conclusions are not supported by the facts.

In the Decision dated 15 December 2010, Mr. Julius Babao ("Babao") was quoted as reporting:

"Walang politikong pumapapel sa negotiation. Bagama't sinabi ng pulis na wala silang intensyong sumalakay, nakunan naming sa video ang isang PNP-SWAT team na naghahanda sakaling may mangyaring sa hostage drama"

However, the above-quoted report made by Mr. Babao did not give any detail about the alleged preparations taken by the PNP-SWAT or disclose the PNP-SWAT's location, number or arms. Moreover, the fact that the police were making preparations was expected and, thus, cannot be considered as vital information. It should be stressed that while this report was being made by Mr. Babao, what was shown on screen was Mr. Babao himself at the foreground and the bus at the background. Taking the audio report together with the scenes aired, as a whole, there was nothing in Mr. Babao's report that provided information to the hostage-taker.

He was also quoted as having reported that:

"papalapit na ang assault team sa likod ng bus. Armado ng matataas na kalibre ng baril. Nasa gilid na ng bus... Binasag ang salamin sa harap at walang putok ng baril. Nakapuesto na ang mga alagad ng batas."

The report disclosed nothing more than what the hostage-taker was able to observe around the bus. The information being known to him, it cannot be deemed as vital. Further, the foregoing report of Mr. Babao should be evaluated together with the footages then aired. As Mr. Babao was reporting "papalapit na ang assault team sa likod ng bus", the Company's broadcast showed the side of the bus. When Mr. Babao reported "nasa likod ng bus", the Company was showing shots of troops running, and not the shots of the police behind the bus. When he said "binabasag ang salamin", the Company's broadcast did not show shots of troops breaking the glass windows. Instead, the Company's broadcast showed shots of the police standing beside the bus. When he said "nakapuesto na ang mga alagad ng batas", there was no useful information relayed as Mr. Babao did not give the location of

the police. Again, considering Mr. Babao's report in its entirety, it did not provide any useful data to the hostage-taker.

In the appealed Decision, Mr. Ron Gaglac ("Gaglac") was quoted as having reported:

"dalawang mobile patrol ang nandito para kay Greg. Napakaraming media ang itinutulak ng pulis dahil baka makita ng hostage taker sa TV sa loob ng bus ang pangyayari. Pangamba nila baka magwala ang hostage taker kapag nakita ito."

"...Sinabi ng pulis kinukuha ang microphone kasi baka Makita ng hostage taker ang pangyayari at magwala...May pumutok sa bus..malayo tayo pero rinig na rinig dito sa kinalalagyan nating community precinct. Ito na yung sinasabi kanina nabaka napanood sa tv at gumaganti na si Capt. Mendoza. Pang-anim na putok na yung narinig naming. Alingaw-ngaw dito sa Quirino grandstand. Gumagapang ang mga pulis dito sa damo...nakatago. 1-3-4-6 na pulis...nakatago sa puno yung iba..."

The above-quoted report was about the arrest of the brother of the hostage-taker. The report on the police did not contain any particulars as to location.

Further, while Mr. Gaglac was making this report, what were shown on screen were shots of the policemen trying to get the brother of the hostage-taker to board a vehicle. After this scene, the Company showed shots of the relatives of the brother of the hostage-taker, followed by shots of the bus and then followed by shots of the bus driver. Thus, report of Mr. Gaglac, as a whole, did not provide any useful, much less vital, information to the hostage-taker.

In the Decision dated 15 December 2010, Mr. Gaglac was also quoted as having reported:

"...may panibagong assault unit na pumapasok sa gilid ng bus...hindi ko makita...dahan-dahan pumapasok ang mobile..."

"...hindi itinuloy ang pagpasok sa likod.. hindi ko alam kung alam nila ang secret handle pero ngayon kinakalampag ng isang SWAT member ang harap ng pintuan..."

"...nasa vantage point si Capt. Mendoza at kitang-kita niya ang nangyayari habang ang mga kapulisan ay nasa baba..."

"...may mga ambulansya na nakaantabay dito sa kinalalagyan ko..."

Clearly, Mr. Gaglac's report was about incidents that involved the bus and hence, already known to the hostage-taker. His report also consisted of his observation about the hostage-taker having a vantage point. Lastly, his report about the presence of ambulance did not involve the position or movements of the police and not therefore, cannot be considered as useful information.

In the Decision dated 15 December 2010, Mr. George Cariño ("Cariño") was quoted as having reported:

"nakikita naming ang mga anino ng pulis pababa sa Quirino Grandstand ... ang iba ay nasa damo ... ang mga media men na-cordon off na..."

Again, the report did not state anything that the hostage-taker himself could not see from inside the bus. Further, while Mr. Cariño was giving the above-quoted report, the Company was showing shots of the bus and policemen, and not shots of policemen coming down from the Quirino Grandstand or on the grass. Further, Mr. Cariño's report on media men being cordoned off did not contain any information about police assault, location or tactic and hence, can hardly be considered as vital data.

In evaluating the charges leveled against the Company, the entire broadcast, and not only the audio report, should be reviewed. Taken as a whole, the Company's broadcast did not provide any information which was not available or known to the hostage-taker.

Once the assault by the police began, ABS-CBN's coverage was limited to avoid showing police movements. The Company maintained extreme close-ups or wide shots. The Company also immediately complied with the police when it was asked to turn off its lights, which thus, caused grainy and dark shots.

Thus, contrary to the findings of the Honorable Standards Authority, the Company's coverage did not provide vital information or assist the hostage-taker in any way. The Company's broadcast did not impede the operations of the police in any manner.

If the police's assault was unsuccessful in any way, it was not due to the Company's broadcast but due to the unpreparedness of the police. As was evident and clear, the police was unable to quickly assault the hostage-taker because of, among others, lack of equipment, training, and planning. The Company should not be held accountable for the shortcomings of the police authorities as media cannot be expected to perform the duties of the police.

The Company exercised self-restraint in its broadcast coverage of the 23 August 2010 hostage-taking. The Company's broadcast of the hostage-taking was part of a legitimate news story and presented in accordance with the Company's mandate to deliver news accurately and thoroughly to promote the public's right to information while at the same time always bearing in mind the safety of the people involved. This fact was recognized by the KBP itself when it issued its Statement dated 25 August 2010 and stated:

*"The broadcast media follows a code of conduct in the coverage of crisis situations, which has been developed and refined after numerous dialogues with authorities. The KBP itself has a provision in its Broadcast Code admonishing its members to take all care so that their reporting does not put lives in greater danger than is already inherent in crisis situation. Besides this, the individual networks belonging to the KBP also have their protocols consistent with our Code and journalistic standards for such situations. **We believe that they have adhered to these standards.**"*

We also note that our members have abided by the conditions imposed by the authorities who were in charge of the situation last Monday.” (Emphasis supplied)

At all times during the Company’s coverage of the hostage-taking, the Company’s news team never crossed the police line. While the news team had access to the members of the police reaction team, the Company held back interviews which would compromise their plans and/or location.

Finally, it is worthy to note that at no time did the police request, much less demand, that the Company stop its television coverage of the hostage-taking.

Clearly, the Company’s broadcast complied with the Broadcast Code. It was made in good faith to promote of the public’s right to information, and at the same time, with utmost regard for the on going police operations and safety of the people involved.

In view of the foregoing, the Company respectfully prays that the Decision dated 15 December 2010 finding that it violated Section 4 Article 6 of the Broadcast Code be reversed and set aside.

Very truly yours,


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Legal Counsel

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Excerpts from hostage-taker's last interview

Philippine Daily Inquirer

Posted date: August 29, 2010

HERE ARE the excerpts from the exclusive live radio interview between Radyo Mo Nationwide (RMN) anchormen Michael Rogas and Erwin Tulfo and Senior Insp. Rolando Mendoza immediately before Mendoza opened fire at his hostages on Aug. 23 at the Rizal Park.

MICHAEL ROGAS: Captain Rolando Mendoza, magandang gabi po sa inyo...

CAPT. ROLANDO MENDOZA: Magandang gabi po

MICHAEL: Si Michael Rogas po to ng RMN, kayo po'y hostage-taker tama po ba?

MENDOZA: Tama po.

MICHAEL: Sa pagkakataong ito ano po ba ang plano nyo?

MENDOZA: Eh totoo me magandang balita na yung aming demand ay dala ni vice mayor, meron tumawag sa kin na dala na ni vice mayor at any time eh iaabot na sa kin ay malalaman natin at kung kanyang dala

MICHAEL: Ah ilan pa po ang hawak ninyo sa mga oras na ito na mga tao?

MENDOZA: Ah 15 po sila 15 pa Chinese national

MICHAEL: Pag natanggap nyo po ba ang hinihingi nyo pakakawalan nyo na po ba sila?

MENDOZA: Ah hindi pa kasi me demand pa akong kasi kung pabor sa kin yung magiging desisyon at sasabihin na mali sila eh di ang akin naman, kuwan, eh yung aking magiging security naman.

MICHAEL: Opo

MICHAEL: Ah ok, ano pa po ang mga hinihingi nyong demand maliban po dun sa pagwawalang sala sa kaso dyan po sa Ombudsman? Ano pa po maliban po sa security at mga pangyayaring ito?

MENDOZA: I want to see the order of the NCRPO restoring me to full duty status and can be of back wages na hindi nila ibinigay sa kin during na ako'y nagtrabaho naman.

MENDOZA: Sandali po at parating po dito si vice mayor.

MICHAEL: Pwede po wag po natin bitawan ang telepono, pwede nyo po ba iparinig sa amin ang yung nagaganap nyo pong usapan ni Vice Mayor Isko Moreno?

MENDOZA: Hahawakan po ng driver
(hinawakan ng driver ang phone)

MICHAEL: Pumapasok na itong si Vice Mayor Moreno

(pumapasok Colonel Yebra kasama ng dalawang kapatid)

DRIVER: Dala na po ang papeles galing sa Ombudsman, natanggap na ang papel, binabasa na ni Capt. Rolando Mendoza

MICHAEL: Kapitan, pwede po nating basahin sa ere yung nilalaman yung pong-sulat sa inyo ng Ombudsman? Ombudsman's letter

MENDOZA: From the office of the Ombudsman; Police Insp. Rolando Mendoza, Manila Police District, UN Avenue, Manila

Dear Captain Rolando Mendoza,

As per our conversation this afternoon, I hereby confirm that I shall personally review in your simple reconsideration that you have filed in your case at the moment the record of the case at the lawyer whom that I have assigned to take the pre-slip in do case, I shall require him to tell haven't the to whom record to the case. I hope you take my word for that, I thank you for understanding my position as I??? understand your.. basura sa'kin 'to, basura itong sulat na 'to, 'di ito, 'di ito ang kailangan ko.

MICHAEL: Ok, ano po ang plano nyo, yan di po pinagbigyan ang....

MENDOZA: Basura to sakin, di ito ang kailangan ko. Ang kailangan ko ay desisyon nila, reversing or not reversing. Yun lang yung thank you for the effort of the mayor and the vice mayor, di ko kailangan yang sulat ng yan sir.

MICHAEL: Ano po ang plano nyo ngayon, ano po ang gusto nyo?

MENDOZA: Walang nilalaman yan eh, walang ibig sabihin nun, wala walang ibig sabihin nyan sir. Ang sinasabi nya lang paiimbistiga nya, eh kung ganun din wala din mangyayari dyan, wala sir. Wala sa kin ang papel na yan kapag yung sinabi nya yan dismiss na talaga, walang mangyayari dyan sir.

MICHAEL: Kapitan, ano po ang plano nyo ngayon?

MENDOZA: Ito, sasampulan ko to sir, tabi, magsialis kayo... di ko kailangan yan sir, walang sinasabi yan ...ikaw abogado ka... walang nilalaman yan

MICHAEL: Kapitan, sandali po, kalma lang po tayó.

MICHAEL: Kapitan, hinay-hinay lang po... Ano po plano po ninyo ngayon di po kayo napagbigyan, tatawagan po namin ang Ombudsman sa mga oras na ito.

MENDOZA: Malamang me mangyayaring masama dito sa loob ng bus.

MICHAEL: Sandali lang, sa pamamagitan namin ng RMN, ano po ang gusto n'yong ipanawagan natin?

MENDOZA: Ang gusto ko ngayon aksyonan nila ngayon, aksyunan nila, ireview nila ngayon kasi ang tagal na nyan 9 months na yan natutulog, reviewhin nila ngayon, magbigay sila ng desisyon kung ako ay o dismiss o reversion of dismissal order o whatsoever. Yan ang gusto kong mangyari.

MICHAEL: Yun pong nagabot sa inyo ng papel ay si Vice Mayor Isko Moreno, tama po ba?

MENDOZA: Di po, si Colonel Yebra yung negotiator.

MICHAEL: Sino po ang gusto nyong makausap kapitan Rolando Mendoza?

MENDOZA: Gusto ko yung mga siga diyan sa WTV, yung gustong maging siga, 'yan ang gusto kong kausap. 'Yung gusto maging sikat.

MICHAEL: May narinig ho kaming tunog kanina parang, ano 'yon, putok ng baril?

MENDOZA: 'Yun nga 'yung putok ng baril sa 'kin nga galing 'yun. Nag-warning shot ako kay colonel kasi nga panay kasinungalingan ang ginagawa nya. Ang sabi niya binalik nya ang baril ng kapatid ko iyon pala hindi pala, anong katotohanan ang natatanggap ko sa kanya?

MENDOZA: Itong sitwasyon na ito lalala ito 'pag di nila nagawa ang gusto ko. Sabi ko nga itong nasa pinto ng bus ay lalagyan ko 'to mamaya pag 'di naging maganda ang usapan.

MENDOZA: Yun nga yung Ombudsman ay ang sabi rereviewhin, rerepasuhin. Ang gusto ko dalhin nila ngayon dito ang order.

MENDOZA: Kaya po ako nagpapatok, kaya po ako nagpapatok ay dahil nalaman ko na ako pala'y niloloko ng negosyador ni Colonel Yebra! ... Siya ang negosyador dapat siya ang hindi nagsisinungaling!

MICHAEL: Nasan na po yung sulat na binigay sa inyo?

MENDOZA: Ibinigay ko yung dalang sulat, ibinalik ko, eh nakikiusap lang na maging peaceful ako, na maging kalmado at pagbigyan ko nga, ay hindi ganun kadali yon... Ayan oh may nakita akong sniper ha! Ay sabihin mo sa kanya baka hindi niya kayang i-sniper yung nakatayo sa harapan ng bus ha! Baka sabihin mo din sa umii-sniper baka hindi nila kayang patamaan yung nasa loob ng bus ha, kayang kaya kong patamaan yung nasa pintuan, kaya kamo ay bitawan 'yang mga sniper na yan.

MICHAEL: Okay naririnig po kayo ngayon sa pamamagitan ng RMN. Naririnig po kayo ng mga pulis, meron po ba kayong pakiusap dun sa mga sniper na sinasabi ninyo?

Snipers

MENDOZA: Ah yung mga sniper eh pag 'di sila nagsi-alis sa kanilang puwesto ay sasampolan ko sila at ii-snipe-in ko kamo yung nasa pintuan!

MICHAEL: Opo ... si Erwin Tulfo po yung aming kasama ay nariyan po ngayon, alam ko po na napapakinggan niyo po si kasamang Erwin Tulfo kanina ... kilala niyo po ba si Erwin Tulfo?

MENDOZA: Kilala kong personal yan, galing ng Manila 'yan.

MICHAEL: Capt. Rolando Mendoza gusto niyo po ba si Erwin Tulfo ang lumapit sa inyo at pumuntang personal?

MENDOZA: Eh basta kung lalapit siya dun lang sa may bintana, hindi na ako magpapapasok ng media ngayon.

MENDOZA: Sa bintana lang, sa bintana lang.

MICHAEL: Kamusta po yung mga hostage victim ngayon?

MENDOZA: Nanonood na sila ng TV ngayon dun sa live TV.

MICHAEL: Opo... sige po.. sa pamamagitan po ni kasamang Erwin Tulfo na nakikinig ngayon, meron po ba kayong gustong iparating sa kanya na pu-pwede kayong ipa-negotiate dyan sa ground?

MENDOZA: Ah kilala ko po yan ah. Talagang gusto po niyan eh kalaban niya ang pulis eh, kaya lang alam ko matinik sa baril yan baka mamaya may baril yan (laughs).

MICHAEL: Ah OK... Kapitan, meron po ba kayong kasama dyan na Pilipino na hostage victim? Pwede po ba naming makausap?

MENDOZA: Ah, eh, ang kuwan na lang dito eh yung driver nalang... Eh yung mga Pilipino eh pinababa ko na yung mga Pilipino. Eto, kausapin mo yung driver o.

MICHAEL: Alberto?

DRIVER: Yes!

MICHAEL: Meron ka bang mensahe sa awtoridad, sa gobyerno, sa mga pulis at sa pamilya?

DRIVER: Sana po ibigay na nila yung demand ni Captain..Para matapos na 'to...

MICHAEL: OK, naririnig po kayo ngayon sa RMN sa buong kapuluan.

DRIVER: Bukas po, bukas po yung TV namin dito. Sa Channel 7 kami.

MICHAEL: Yung iba anong ginagawa?

DRIVER: Lahat po nakaupo eh!

MICHAEL: Kakatapos lang po naming ipinlay ulit yung inyo pong pagkakabasa sa desisyon ng Ombudsman. Sa oras na ito na quarter to 7 na po ang oras dito po sa aming himpilan, ano na po ang huling decision ninyo?

MENDOZA: Eh wala na po... Kasi nakikita ko ang dami nang SWAT na dumadating ha... Ang daming SWAT na dumadating nakikita ko sa palibot, at ako naman alam ko papatayin din nila ako kaya magsi-alis na sila dahil anytime gagawin ko din yun dito.

MICHAEL: Ah, Erwin, hindi pa ba kayo pinapalapit kahit man lamang doon sa malapit sa bintana? Kasi yun ang kaniyang hinihingi eh!

ERWIN TULFO: Ay hindi nga eh. Hindi kami pinapalapit. Hindi ko maintindihan eh, at, ah, ready na tayong pumunta dun, eh kanina pa nga eh. Naaawa na nga ako run sa mga kasamahan natin—basang-basa na kami sa ulan.

One hour on radio

MICHAEL: Actually, isang oras. Mag-iisang oras na nating nakukuha itong si kapitan Rolando Mendoza. OK, Erwin. Erwin, ito, sandali, ibinabalik—ikaw mismo ah... Ikaw mismo ah... ikaw ang gustong makausap mismo ni Capt. Rolando Mendoza.

ERWIN: Lalapitan sana natin ito, Michael, pero ayaw pa rin tayong paalisin dito ng ground commander sa kinaroroonan ko dito sa kanang bahagi ng Quirino Grandstand. Actually, kung lalakaran ko 'to, Michael, mga nasa 50 meters pa lang.

...Si Capt. Rolando Mendoza nagbabalik po sa ating linya.

MICHAEL: Capt. Rolando Mendoza maliban po sa pwede nyo po bang pangalanan yung mismong tao na gusto nyong makausap?

MICHAEL: Meron ba kayong mensahe sa pamilya ng bihag nyo ngayon Capt. Rolando Mendoza?

MENDOZA: Ano po

MENDOZA: ...itong sitwasyon na'to lalala to pag di nila nagawa ang gusto ko sabi ko nga itong nasa pinto ng bus ay lalagyan ko to mamaya pag di naging maganda ang usapan.

MENDOZA: O sige po mukhang tumatagal walang nangyayari kaya malamang sabihin nyo sa kanila na wala talagang negosyador na magaling pupunta dito ay malamang tapusin ko ang lahat ng buhay ko dito.

MICHAEL: Opo gusto nyo po ba ninyo makausap ang inyong kapatid nasi SPO2 Capt. Rolando Mendoza?

MENDOZA: Dina sa pamilya ko ayaw ko na makipag-usap mababaw lang ang loob ko iiyak lang ako, wala naman silang sasabihin sakin kundi makiki usap sumuko kana di naman ako susuko hanggang di nababago ang desisyon ng Ombudsman

ERWIN: Capt. Rolando Mendoza lalapit po ako dyan naka puti po ako manggagaling ako sa may kanan ng side ng bus.

MENDOZA: Gusto mong pumasok sa loob... ipoposas kita after na pumasok ka.

ERWIN: Dyan nalang tayo sa labas...

MENDOZA: Papasukin kita pero bago ka pumasok iki clear ko yung katawan mo then afterwards pwede kang magsama

ng camera pero ifofocus kita ha pero pakakawalan din kita hindi kita ihohostage.

MENDOZA: Nakikita ko ang sitwasyon, bakit ginaganyan nila ang mga kapatid ko? Wala namang kinalaman 'yan. Ito kapag hindi nila binago 'yan, tutuluyan ko na 'yang mga nandito sa loob. Tutuluyan ko na 'to. Kapag hindi sila nagbago.

MICHAEL: Easy lamang po. Easy...

MENDOZA: O, e nakikita ko, binibitbit nilang parang baboy 'yung pulis, hindi naman 'yan kasama rito... Ito, magpaparinig ako ng isang putok, baguhin nila. Baguhin, baguhin nila 'yan... Mali 'yang ginagawa nila na 'yan.

MICHAEL: Sandali lamang po, kalma lamang po tayo, Captain, Capt. Rolando Mendoza...

MENDOZA: O, ayan, ginagawa nilang baboy 'yung kapatid ko, ayan o.

MICHAEL: OK. kalma lamang po, Captain, Capt. Rolando Mendoza, kakausapin po natin ang PNP. Tawagan natin ang PNP para sa....

Release him, or else...

MENDOZA: Pakawalan nila 'yang kapatid ko kung hindi magbabaril ako rito ng isa.

MICHAEL: OK. OK, kinakausap na po namin ang pulis, Captain, Capt. Rolando Mendoza. Kalma lamang po tayo, ano po.

MENDOZA: O, e 'yung kapatid ko, nakikita ko, bakit nila ginaganyan 'yan, ako ang may kasalanan dito. Walang kasalanan 'yan. Walang kasalanan 'yan, ipakita ninyo na pinakawalan ninyo ang mga kapatid ko. Ipakita nila, kapag hindi, titirahin ko 'yung mga nandito sa loob... Sabihin mo sa kanila... Sabihin mo sa kanila 'yan!

MICHAEL: Opo, tinatawagan na natin.

MENDOZA: Ipakita nila 'yan, ipakita nila dito sa kaliwa makita ko sa kaliwa ng bus, palakarin nila 'yung mga kapatid ko diyan, pagka hindi, ito talagang ano, halo na rito, lahat-lahat.

MICHAEL: Opo. Tinatawagan na po namin ang PNP... Easy lamang po ha. Easy lamang po tayo...

MENDOZA: Walang kasalanan 'yang mga kapatid ko. Hindi nila alam ang pangyayaring ito.

MICHAEL: Opo. Kalma lang po tayo at kami po'y nakikipag-ugnayan sa PNP. Humuhupa na rin naman po iyong mga pulis, ano po.

MENDOZA: Ayan o, binibitbit 'yung kapatid kong pulis, walang kasalanan 'yan, bakit nila bibitbitin 'yan. Sasabihin nila, accessory, hindi accessory 'yan, ako lang mag-isa ang gumawa nito.

MICHAEL: Captain, Capt. Rolando Mendoza, sandali lang po ha. Tayo po ay kumukontak na sa PNP para po huminahon rin po ang PNP sa pagkakataon pong ito, ano po.

MENDOZA: Ayan o, nakikita ko. Nakikita ko 'yung ginagawa nila sa kapatid ko, ayan o. O, ginuyabit o. O e, pulis 'yan e. Walang kasalanan 'yan. Walang kasalanan 'yan. Pakawalan nila 'yan. Pagka hindi, ito babarilin ko itong nasa unahan, sabihin mo sa kanila.

MICHAEL: Sandali po, sandali...

MENDOZA: Sabihin mo sa kanila...

MICHAEL: O, 'yung PNP baka po pwede nating sabihan natin 'yung PNP o.

ERWIN: Michael... Ito, ito sa likod ko.

MICHAEL: Erwin...

MENDOZA: Sabihin mo sa kanila bakit nila ginaganyan ang kapatid ko, walang kasalanan 'yan, ako mag-isa ang gumawa nito.

ERWIN: Sir, sino bang ground commander n'yo?
 MICHAEL: Ayan po, kinakausap na ni Erwin 'yung pulis.
 ERWIN: Dahil daw 'yung kapatid niya e, hinuli niyo raw yata e.

Seen on TV

MENDOZA: Ayan o, nakikita ko rito, nakaharap diyan sa TV, ginagawa nilang baboy 'yang kapatid kong pulis. Walang kasalanan 'yan, hindi niya alam ang pangyayari na 'to, ngayon niya lang nalaman sa TV, bakit nila gaganyanin?
 ERWIN: Nakita niya ho sa TV na hinuli ang utol niya e, si SPO2...
 MENDOZA: Ayan o, ayan o, hanggang ngayon, hina-harass...
 MICHAEL: Erwin, Erwin, pakilapitan 'yung mga pulis.
 ERWIN: Ito na, ito na, kinausap na natin at ito, 'yung ground commander nila umakyat na 'yung ground commander nila sa ATR van.
 MENDOZA: 'Pag hindi nila pinakawalan 'yan, babarilin ko 'yung nasa unahan ng bus.
 MICHAEL: Erwin...
 MENDOZA: Sabihin mo sa kanila, bibigyan ko sila ng five minutes.
 ERWIN: Oo.
 MENDOZA: Five minutes lang ang ibibigay ko sa kanila, makakarinig kayo ng putok kapag hindi nila pinakawalan 'yan.
 MICHAEL: Pakibilisan lamang, Erwin, ano. Pakibilisan lamang.
 MENDOZA: Five minutes.
 ERWIN: Ito, kinakausap na natin, ito. Sandali.
 MENDOZA: 'Pag lumala 'yan walang kasalanan 'yan o. Ito, lalala lalo ito dahil sa ginagawa nila, ng mga pulis na 'yan. Sabihin mo sa kanila.
 MICHAEL: Erwin... Pakilapitan na 'yung pulis para ng sa ganun, matigil na 'to o.
 ERWIN: Oo. OK. Ito na, ito na, paakyat tayo rito.
 MENDOZA: Ayaq o, may sumasapok, may sumusuntok sa likuran. Putang ina 'yan. Ito, babarilin ko na talaga itong nasa unahan.
 MICHAEL: Sandali po, sandali. Kalma lang po, kalma...
 MENDOZA: 'Pag hindi nila pinakawalan 'yan!
 MICHAEL: Captain, Capt. Rolando Mendoza...
 ERWIN: Bakit n'yo hinuli?
 MENDOZA: Ayan o, sila coronel yan. Putang ina, ayan o, sabihin mo kapag hindi pinakawalan 'yang kapatid ko, babarilin ko itong nasa unahan.
 MICHAEL: Sandali, sandali
 MENDOZA: Sabihin mo! Sabihin mo!
 MICHAEL: Sandali, sandali!
 MENDOZA: Pakawalan nila 'yan!
 ERWIN: 'Yun ang sinasabi niya, 'pag hindi niyo pinakawalan 'yan.
 MICHAEL: Puwede ba 'yung Channel 2 at the same time, 'yung PNP, 'yung PNP, 'yung pulis.
 ERWIN: OK na, OK na. Tinatawagan na nila 'yung headquarters... Na alalay na lang at nakikita ni Captain, Capt. Rolando Mendoza...
 MENDOZA: Hindi nila pakakawalan 'yan? Putang ina, ano? Babarilin ko na 'to.
 MICHAEL: Captain, Captain Rolando Mendoza, sandali po...
 MENDOZA: Pakawalan ninyo 'yan, kapag hindi, babarilin ko na 'to.

Don't shoot

MICHAEL: 'Wag po kayong magpapaputok, Captain, Capt. Rolando Mendoza... Erwin, pakibilisan lamang 'yung ground commander.
 ERWIN: Ito, kinakausap ko na 'yung ground commander.
 MENDOZA: Ayan, ipinosas na. Kapag hindi nila pinakawalan 'yan, babarilin ko na 'to. Lalahatin ko na 'to. Iisa-isahin ko, sabihin mo.
 MICHAEL: Captain, Capt. Rolando Mendoza, tinutulungan na po namin kayo.
 MENDOZA: Wala, wala. Dinideridiretso nila.
 MICHAEL: Erwin, Erwin... Pakilapitan mismo 'yung pulis na may hawak.
 ERWIN: Sandali, sandali lang, ito, kakausapin mismo natin si ground commander.
 MICHAEL: 'Yung pulis mismo na may hawak.
 ERWIN: A, ano na ho bang kuwan, sagot natin sa...
 MENDOZA: Ayan, ayan. 'Pag umalis 'yang mobile na 'yan na kasama ang kapatid ko, babarilin ko 'yung nasa unahan.
 MICHAEL: Sandali po.
 MENDOZA: Babarilin ko na 'to lahat-lahat.
 MICHAEL: Captain, Capt. Rolando Mendoza...
 (Nagpaputok ng baril, iyakan at sigawan)
 MENDOZA: 'Yan ang sinasabi ko, kanina pa e.
 MICHAEL: Kasamang Erwin, 'yun bang mga pulis, narinig ba nila 'yun?
 ERWIN: Putang ina, itong mga operatiba rito e, kanina ko pa sinabi...

MICHAEL: Captain, Capt. Rolando Mendoza...

(Walang sumasagot)

MICHAEL: Erwin, Erwin... Lapitan ano, anong ginagawa ngayon ng mga pulis?

ERWIN : Nagskrambilan na dito.

MICHAEL: Kapitan, Capt. Rolando Mendoza... Hindi na po hawak Kapitan, Capt. Rolando Mendoza ang telepono.
(Kinakausap ang mga reporter... Rod Vega at Silvestre Labay...)

MICHAEL: Kapitan, Capt. Rolando Mendoza...

MENDOZA: 'Wag n'yo ng palapitin dito... Paalisin na... Bakit n'yo hinuhuli wala naman kasalanan 'yan ako lang me kasalanan dito pagka hindi me binaril na ako dito dalawa 'pag hindi dadagdagan ko pa ito.

MICHAEL: Sandali po, sandali po, huminahon po tayo... 'Yun pong sinsabi n'yo binaril ano po ang ano nila

'I'll finish them off

MENDOZA: Binaril ko ang dalawang Chinese pagka hindi nila binago ang sitwasyon pati maliit dito sa loob uubusin ko 'to.

MICHAEL: Sandali po ha, hinahon lang muna tayo Kapitan Mendoza.

MENDOZA: Uubusin ko ito 'pag 'di sila tumigil kakatakbo d'yan sa gilid... Uubusin ko 'to.

MICHAEL: Ah opo, kinakausap na po namin ang PNP para sa ganoon ay 'di na po matuloy 'yan... Ah OK, Kapitan Mendoza.

MENDOZA: Ah pakawalan nila ang kapatid ko... Bakit nila inaano, ako ang me ginagawa dito... Bakit sila ang hinuhuli samantalang ako ang gumagawa dito ng kasalanan ako ang hulihin nila.

MICHAEL: Opo... Kapitan Mendoza...

(Binaba na ang phone)

MICHAEL: Sandali po, sandali po huminahon po tayo... 'Yung pong sinasabi n'yo binaril ano po ang ano nila.

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MICHAEL: Opo... Kapitan, Captain Rolando Mendoza...

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