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## Cybercrime cops nab gamer for molesting teen playmate in QC.

#### 1. How did the cybercrime started?

It started in an online game in which a 35-year-old suspect named Estelito Gibaga Jr. met a 14-year-old girl while his playing. They met each other in a public chat where both of them were players. According to (Caliwan, 2022) After a series of conversations, the two shifted their conversation to "Snap Chat" and Facebook Messenger wherein they had a "virtual" romantic relationship. The Suspect allegedly sent the victim obscene photos of "himself" and asked the victim to do the same.

#### 2. Strategy of the suspect/accused/criminal:

 Estelito Gibaga Jr. the suspect, gained the trust and developed a romantic relationship with the victim and manipulated her into doing such activities that were against the law.

#### 3. Nature of cybercrime:

The nature of this case is the sexual exploitation of a minor. The suspect forced the victim into participating in explicit activities online. Cybercrime involves exchanging inappropriate conversations with the victim and forcing the victim to send inappropriate photos like what his sending by manipulating the victim.

## 4. Legal implications and charges under RA 10175:

- The Suspect is facing charges of violating the Special Protection of Children Against Abuse, Exploitation and Discrimination Act, the Anti-Child Pornography Act of 2009, and Article 286(Grave Coercion) of the Revised Penal Code, all in relation to Section 6 of the CyberCrime Prevention Act of 2012.

## 5. Overall outcome of the case:

- According to (Calawin, 2022) On September 16, the victim and her mother appeared at the office of QCDACT to lodge a complaint against the suspect, which resulted in the planning of an entrapment operation to catch him. On Thursday, the mother and the victim reported back to QCDACT and informed the office that the suspect and the minor would meet up to watch a movie at a mall. This prompted the Anti-Cybercrime Team to prepare an entrapment operation. When the suspect and the victim met at the Gateway entrance, they went to McDonald's to take out snacks and headed (to the motel). After entering the room, we lost no time in apprehending the suspect. He is currently under the custody of the Quezon City District Anti-Cybercrime Group for booking procedures before inquest proceedings. (PNA)

## References

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