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Murder raps filed vs cop who shot dead NAIA airport officer

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By Margaux Ortiz

Inquirer

MURDER charges have been filed against a police officer who allegedly shot dead an airport action officer at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport on Monday night, according to investigators.

Chief Inspector Cenon Tenorio was presented by the National Bureau of Investigation to media on Wednesday morning. He had surrendered to his superiors at the Aviation Security Group on Tuesday morning.

Tenorio would not comment on the killing of Eduardo Tiotioen, but he denied he was illegally facilitating passengers at the airport. He said he did not know why Tiotioen accosted him at the NAIA 1 arrival area.

Investigators had said that shortly before the shooting incident at 11:40 p.m. on Monday, Tiotioen saw Tenorio allegedly assisting a passenger at the airport. Tiotioen had apparently suspected Tenorio was illegally facilitating the passenger and called Tenorio's attention.

Investigators said Tenorio later waited for Tiotioen, grabbed him, and tried to force him into a vehicle. A commotion ensued, followed by gunshots. Tiotioen died on the spot.

## **Shouting match with police major costs life of NAIA exec**

**By Conrado Ching**

06/07/2006

A shouting match between an airport official and a police officer led to a bloody confrontation late Monday night at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) Terminal 1 departure area when the latter shot the former point blank, killing him instantly.

Dead on the spot was Eduardo Tiotioen, 39, head of the airport's Emergency Operation Center (EOC) and concurrent action officer of NAIA.

The assailant was identified as Maj. Cenon Tenorio, officer-in-charge, night shift, 1st PCAS (Police Center for Aviation Security) of the Philippine National Police-Aviation Security Group. Tenorio was reportedly undergoing investigation by the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI).

The incident happened when Tenorio was seen by Tiotioen at the immigration arrival area around 1:15 p.m. waiting to fetch an arriving passenger on a Korean Airlines flight KE-623 from Seoul, Korea.

After a heated altercation between the two, Tenorio suddenly left the area. Victim Tiotioen, however, instructed Gregorio Garcia and Lito Azucena, both NAIA portering supervisors, to monitor the whereabouts of Tenorio.

Tenorio was at the time inside his van (PDA 484) parked in front of a restaurant at the departure area. When informed of the exact location of Tenorio, Tiotioen, accompanied by Garcia, Azucena and two police officers, rushed to where Tenorio was.

Another heated argument ensued when Tiotioen again confronted Tenorio. Perhaps incensed, Tenorio immediately alighted his vehicle, pulled out his gun and shot the victim three times, one in the neck and two in the body.

There were unconfirmed reports from the airport that the two had a previous altercation sometime last month when both of them driving their respective vehicles almost collided at the Centennial Terminal. The reports also said the victim and the alleged assailant exchanged bad words.

Since then, the two were sizing up each other. Tiotioen found his chance to pounce on Tenorio whom he monitored waiting at the immigration arrival area waiting for an arriving passenger.

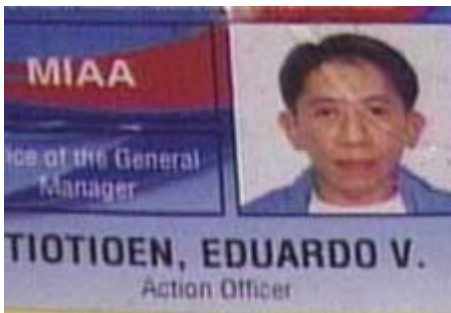
Tiotioen wanted to confront Tenorio for his presence at the immigration arrival area which was irregular as he had no business to be in the area.

Alfonso Cusi, NAIA general manager, said in a statement he strongly denounced the ruthless killing of Tiotioen, technical assistant of the Manila International Airport Authority (MIAA).

"I know Ed to be someone who was truly committed to his job. My work relationship with him dates back to my stint as general manager of the Philippine Ports Authority (PPA). He was very much involved in PPA's community development projects, especially in the Baseco area" Cusi said.

"I have asked the assistance of the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) through lawyer Angelito Magno to help us with the case. We have eyewitnesses who are now in the custody of the NBI for questioning," he added.

"I do not intend to issue any further comments after this so as not to prejudice the progress of the ongoing investigation. I leave everything now to the NBI that shall see this case through its end," Cusi stressed.



### **Cusi aide shot dead at airport**

A technical assistant and close confidant of General Manager Alfonso Cusi of the Manila International Airport Authority was shot dead at close range late Monday night for still unknown reasons.

In a statement, Cusi denounced what he described as "the ruthless killing" of Eduardo V. Tiotioen, who was shot three times by his suspected assailant, Maj. Cenon Tenorio, a member of the PNP Aviation Security Group.

Tenorio surrendered to his superiors shortly after the shooting before midnight of June 5.

"I know Ed to be someone who was truly committed to his job. My work relationship with him dates back to my stint as general manager of the Philippine Ports Authority," Cusi said.

He said he brought Tiotioen to the MIAA. "I personally asked Ed to join me. I wanted Ed to be part of my team because I know his passion for work," Cusi said.

Cusi hinted that it was Tiotioen's strong commitment to rid the airport of illegal activities that may have caused his death.

"This is the price Ed had to pay for doing his job. Such a high cost to pay for public service," Cusi said.

Cusi has sought the help of the National Bureau of Investigation in the investigation. He added that his office has two eyewitnesses who are in the custody of the NBI for questioning.

An initial investigation by the airport police disclosed that 30 minutes before the shooting, Tiotioen accosted Tenorio at the NAIA Terminal 1 arrival immigration area. After a heated argument, the suspect left.

Minutes later, witnesses saw Tenorio driving a dark blue van, with plate No. EDA-484, outside the NAIA departure area facing the Wow Restaurant. Tiotioen, along with four others, went to the departure zone to check why the car was in a prohibited area.

Tiotioen was approaching the car when Tenorio stepped out. He reportedly grabbed the victim by the shoulder, pressed the gun on his chest and fired. Tenorio immediately fled after the shooting.

**Jonathan M. Hicap**

## MAIN

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# NAIA OFFICIAL GUNNED DOWN AT AIRPORT

Wed Jun 07, 2006

**A long standing feud between an airport official and an aviation police officer ended in a bloody and fatal confrontation at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) departure area late Monday night.**

Shot dead was Eduardo Tiotioen, 39, head of the airport's Emergency Operation Center (EOC) and concurrent action officer of NAIA.

He suffered two bullet wounds in the chest and in the neck.

The alleged assailant was identified as Maj. Cenon Tenorio, officer-in-charge, night shift, 1st PCAS (Police Center for Aviation Security) of the PNP-Aviation Security Group.

Tiotioen was gunned down in full view of passengers and airport employees outside the Windows of the World Restaurant at the departure level entrance of the airport Terminal 1.

Suspect Tenorio surrendered to Chief Supt. Andres Caro II, director of the PNP-ASG, shortly after the incident.

Caro opted to keep mum about the motive and circumstances surrounding the killing to allow the National

Bureau of Investigation authorities to conduct an impartial probe of the incident.

Tiotioen was among the handful of "trusted" people brought in from the Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) by Cusi who issued a statement strongly denouncing the ruthless killing of Tiotioen.

"I've known Ed to be someone who is truly committed to his job. My work relationship with him dates back to my stint as general manager of the Philippine Port Authority. He was very much involved in PPA's community development projects specially in the Baseco area," Cusi said.

"I have asked the assistance of the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) through Atty. Angelito Magno to help us with the case. We have eyewitnesses who are now in the custody of the NBI for questioning," Cusi added.

Robert Uy, executive assistant of Cusi, however assured the public that the incident does not involve any lapses in the security set-up at the NAIA but was "just an internal matter" between two feuding airport and police officials.

An initial police report stated that at around 11:30 p.m., Tiotioen, who was the on-duty action officer, confronted Tenorio at the immigration arrival area over his alleged passenger escorting activities.

Tenorio was in the area to meet an arriving passenger aboarda Korean Airlines flight KE-623 from Seoul.

Tiotioen, who was known to accost airport and police personnel over meeting arriving passengers, allegedly fumed at the police officer and berated him about protocol lapses in facilitating passengers by NAIA personnel.

Tiotioen reportedly pointed out to Tenorio that instead of wearing his NAIA identification card, he should have requested and worn a stick-on pass because he was not on official duty.

This reportedly irked Tenorio. A verbal tussle ensued. The police officer then reportedly hied off to his van parked at the departure level.

But the altercation did not end there.

Witnesses said victim Tiotioen instructed Gregorio Garcia and Lito Azucena, NAIA porterage supervisors to monitor the whereabouts of Maj. Tenorio.

Witnesses said Tiotioen then sought out the police officer and ended up at the departure area where Tenorio was. They were then again locked in a fierce verbal exchange.

Witnesses said the two were grappling before four gun shots were heard.

Airport officials said this was not the first time the two officials engaged in an argument.

The first one happened a few months ago which caused Tenorio to lose his position as officer-incharge for the PNP-ASG at the airport terminal.

Tiotioen, accompanied by two airport police officers, then accosted Tenorio for allowing a friend to enter the airport premises using an official business pass. Tiotioen's report had caused Tenorio to be in hot water with his superiors.



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## Airport official shot dead by aviation cop at Naia

By Nicko Dizon

AN AIRPORT OFFICIAL WAS ALLEGEDLY gunned down by an aviation police major late Monday night at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (Naia).

The violent death of Eduardo Tiotioen, an airport action officer, highlighted the struggle to curb unlawful activities at the airport, particularly the illegal facilitation of passengers' arrivals and departures.

"This is painful to me. Ed believed in what we are doing. This is what you get for doing what's right," Alfonso Cusi, airport chief, told the INQUIRER.

A crestfallen Cusi sat in a corner at the Naia 1 departure curbside, away from the crowd and investigators that had gathered around his friend who lay lifeless on the ground.

Tiotioen, who was in his mid-40s, was shot at close range at around 11:40 p.m. in front of horrified security guards, airport employees and a handful of late night flight passengers.

Cusi acknowledged that Tio-

tioen was a trusted staffer he had brought along from the Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) following his appointment by President Macapagal-Arroyo as general manager of the Manila International Airport Authority (Miaa) in 2004.

As police examined the crime scene, the suspected gunman, Chief Insp. Cenon Tenorio, surrendered to his superiors at the Aviation Security Group (ASG), the Philippine National Police (PNP) unit tasked to protect the airport complex.

"He (Tenorio) called me up and said, 'I'm very sorry, sir. *Nangyari ito. Nahihiya ako, pero nangyari* (It happened. I am ashamed but it happened),' " said Senior Supt. Pablo Francisco Balagtas, commander of the 1st Police Center for Aviation Security (PCAS).

In a phone interview, Balagtas said that as head of operations, Tenorio was fourth in command at the 1st PCAS, which has jurisdiction over Naia 1 and the Centennial Terminal.

Cusi had requested the National Bureau of Investigation to look

into the killing, instead of the ASG, to ensure an impartial investigation.

Initial investigation showed that shortly before the incident, Tiotioen saw Tenorio assisting an unidentified passenger at the Naia 1 arrival area.

The action officer suspected an illegal facilitation, purportedly called Tenorio's attention, and radioed the CCTV unit, which he heads, to focus the camera on the police officer.

Later, Tenorio allegedly waited for Tiotioen, who was ending his shift and would have proceeded to his vehicle parked at the departure curbside.

NBI investigator Angelito Magno said that based on witnesses' accounts, Tenorio grabbed Tiotioen and tried to force him into a vehicle.

A commotion ensued, followed by three gunshots.

Tiotioen fell to the ground and Tenorio fled with his pistol.

The ASG had turned over Tenorio and his firearm to Magno early yesterday morning.

The suspect would be facing murder charges.

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### WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: Mindanao will experience mostly cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers and thunderstorms. The rest of the country will have partly cloudy to at times cloudy skies with isolated rainshowers or thunderstorms mostly in the afternoon or evening.

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### WEDNESDAY

Metro Manila	Partly Cloudy	North Cotabato	Partly Cloudy
Baguid	Partly Cloudy	Rizal	Partly Cloudy
Tuguegarao	Partly Cloudy	Cebu	Partly Cloudy
Lasag	Partly Cloudy	Iloilo	Partly Cloudy
Clerk Zone	Partly Cloudy	Gen. Santos	Cloudy with Rains
Tuguegarao	Partly Cloudy	Zamboanga	Cloudy with Rains
Legazpi	Partly Cloudy	Davao del Sur	Cloudy with Rains
Cebu	Partly Cloudy	Davao	Cloudy with Rains

# ISLANDS

## NAIA exec who aided Bunye's child killed

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Angelito Magas of the National Bureau of Investigation said witnesses saw Tenorio grab Tiotioen and tried to force him into his own vehicle.

A slight commotion ensued, followed by three gunshots.

Tiotioen fell to the ground, and Tenorio fled.

Cusi said that upon his request, Tiotioen had assisted one of the children of Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye who arrived from abroad that night. **INQUIRER**

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