

Villar seeks immediate passage of Anti-Identity Theft bill Citing cases of stolen identities in credit cards, internet

SENATOR Manny Villar is seeking stiff penalties such as long years of imprisonment and multi-million fines to people or groups engaged in identity theft and other online rackets under his proposed new measure.

Villar filed Senate Bill 1885 or the Anti-Identity Theft bill, in response to the spate of cases involving identity theft which allowed unscrupulous individuals and groups to access key information about their victims and use it to defraud them.

Among the cases of identity theft are the fraudulent use of credit card of someone else and other internet-based transactions using the identity of the unsuspecting victims.

"Identity theft has become a widespread phenomenon. It has become a common scam," Villar said.

"In fact, the country's pension funds—the Social Security System and the Government Service Insurance System and the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas—have separately expressed alarm over the problem of identity theft in the country," he said, stressing the need to have a law that would "curtail these devious practices."

Two weeks ago, the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) arrested Nigerian nationals operating an e-ticket fraud ring. The local aviation industry reportedly lost about \$5 million in the past three years due to identity fraud cases.

In his bill, Villar defined "identity theft" as a crime committed when an individual with fraud, malice, ill will, intent to malign or with perversion, uses another's relevant and sensitive personal information to take on that person's identity. The crime of identity theft covers:

- a. the misuse of one's personal identification cards including passports, social security, documents relating to tax matters and employment, credit cards and other dossiers that distinguishes a person from another;
- b. mail fraud;
- c. stolen personalities in the internet, chatrooms, text messaging system and other advanced technology gadgets or in the mechanisms or modes of information highway; and
- d. all other forms that tend to establish new identity to defraud the government or further a crime defined in existing laws.

If passed, a violator will be penalized by imprisonment of not less than six (6) years nor more than twenty (20) years,

or a fine of not more than five hundred thousand pesos (P500,000.00) nor more than five million pesos (P5,000,000.00) or both such fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the court.

The Villar bill likewise mandates the National Statistics Office, the country's repository of personal records, in coordination with the Department of Justice and other relevant offices to establish a nationwide framework of processing to assist victims of identity theft. It also requires these agencies to facilitate the victim's correction of false records and assist law enforcement in obtaining evidence to apprehend the identity thieves.

Villar lamented that "the harrowing stories of people victimized by identity theft have become a normal occurrence in the internet today."

As example, he said: "A local administrator in Bulacan admitted that someone used her e-mail account to send messages to her family, friends and colleagues, saying that she badly needed money because she was stranded in West Africa. While a pure case of fraud, the person himself whose personality was stolen, tried to open her e-mail account but she was permanently barred from accessing her ID number and password."

There's also a separate case involving an actor/singer/TV host whose e-mail account was accessed by identity thieves and was used to solicit money from friends and relatives supposedly for his airfare money to return home because he was stranded in an Asian city.

Another incident involved a female passport applicant in the Department of Foreign Affairs whose application was immediately denied because apparently another person already owned her identity as shown in the DFA records.

Villar said identity thieves should be stopped on their tracks soon before they become another thriving "cyber" cottage industry for criminals.

He said a new legislation directly addressing this would be the first step and the rest will be up to our enforcement authorities.

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Panagaramid iti kompos: Alisto nga agrupsa ti garami no laokan iti urea

By RENALDO E. ANDES, IARADEC*

NALABON ti garami kalpasan ti ani. Gunguayo a maasar daytoy nga alep-ep ti buwag ken laokan, ken kansen dagiti baka ken nuang. Ii agarup 62,000 nga aktaria a pangayan iti Ilocos Norte, umabot ti 74,000 aginggat 124,000 a tonelada ti maani a garami iti kada tawen. No di maguquansan ti pannakausarna, kaaduan a mannalon ti mangpuor lattan kadagitoy.

Ngem naidaklatan dagiti agsukusukok iti Philippine Rice Research Institute (PhilRice) iti Batac, Ilocos Norte a napintas ti garami nga usaren a kangruanan a material iti panagaramid iti ganangan a kompos. Maysa ti PhilRice kadagiti 18 nga abensia a kamegni ti Ilocos Agriculture and Resources Research and Development Consortium (IARADEC) iti Bohnon 1.

Iay laeng nabiti, inlungalong ti gobierno probinsial ti Ilocos Norte ti maysa nga ordinansia a pannakaiparti ti panagpuor kadagitoy garami. Ngamin, kayat ti komecho ti probinsia a mapanaramid ti pakat ti gobierno a pannakaaisaknap ti "organic agriculture" a programana kadagitoy aw-away. Ta imbes a gumatang dagiti mannalon iti organikong ganangan, mabalinda ti agaramid iti bukodda a ganangan tapno makausarna ti gawos.

Kadagitoy kallabes a programa ti gobierno, naitrekomenda ti panagpuor iti Trichoderma kas "activator" tapno maparega dagiti buot nga iay ti mangatang iti kompos. Iyay nabiti, maysa pay a pribado a kompania ti nangallukoy kadagitoy mannalon ti pagagasarda kadagitoy babasit nga organismo iti panagkompos.

Ngem ti partikul dagiti mannalon ket narigat ti agsapat kadagitoy nga organismo.

Tapno marisut daytoy a problema, inlungalong ti IICA-PhilRice Technical Cooperation Project (TCP3) ti maysa a simple ken matun-oyan a wagas ti panagaramid iti kompos. Iraman daytoy a teknolohia ti pannakaasar kadagitoy basura iti ialon kas iti garami ken takki dagiti dingo, ken iyallukoyna ti panagasar iti urea kas activator kadagitoy buot a manglungos iti kompos. Adda latta suplay a urea gapu ta daytoy ti us-usaren dagiti kaaduan a mannalon ken alisto pay ti makagatang manipud iti lokal a pagtagilakuan.

Dagiti kasapulannan iti panagkompos

KASAPULAN iti rininwirwira a mikrobio (buot, bakteria, kedy) iti panagaramid iti kompos tapno alisto nga agsina dagiti ared-ed ti organikong. Tapno agrinabho dagitoy a mikrobio, kasapulanda iti angin, danum ken tararon. Dagitoy dagiti addang surorot iti panagkompos: 1. Mangaramid iti kuadrado a "frame" ti kayo hi daga nga agrukod iti 1.5 a metro iti sikigan ken agtayay iti dua a metro.

2. Limpian a pempenen ti garami agingga iti nagrab ti "frame." Namaymayat no natadad dagiti garami tapno alisto ti panaglungosda. Mabalan a nayonan iti ruot, akaba a bulbulong kas iti hagangoy, ken legembre kas iti mani ken utong, iti pempen ti garami.

3. Sedesden ti umana a leyer ti pempen ken iyad-adda a talmegan dagiti sulit ti pempen. Agarup 50 a kilo ti kasadu ti garami iti maysa a leyer.

4. Ilaok ti gudua ti kilo a urea wemno maysa a kilo ti ammonium sulfate iti rabaw ti tunggal leyer.

5. Sibogan ti pempen agingga nga adda umdas a danum a sumari kadagitoy ramay no pespesen daytoy.

6. No adda takki ti animal, iwaras daytoy iti rabaw ti pempen. Ket gapu ta nabangan dagiti takki iti nitroheno, bumasasi ti inayon a urea.

7. In-inayaden nga ikkaten ti frame manipud iti nasedesed a leyer. Idiso daytoy iti rabaw ti pempen.

8. Uliten ti maikadua nga addang aginggat makapigto nga addang aginggan nga umabot daytoy iti kangato a maysa-ket-gudua a metro.

9. Kalaban ti pempen iti tolda tapno saan nga agwaaw ti dam-egna, ken ti alisto a panages-es dagiti nitroheno ti uneg ti daga. No saan tolda, agaramat iti plastik a sako wemno anis man a plastik a pangkatub tapno masaludan ti pempen manipud iti inin ken tudo. No sako ti usaren, laglagjen a sibogan ti kadagitoy buot a manglungos iti kompos. Adda latta suplay a urea gapu ta daytoy ti us-usaren dagiti kaaduan a mannalon ken alisto pay ti makagatang manipud iti lokal a pagtagilakuan.

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11. Kiwaren ti kompos kalpasan ti 3 aginggat 4 a lawas. Agpempen manen kadagitoy manglungos a material. Laokan iti 200 a gramo a urea ken sibogan ti rabaw ti kada leyer. Sigudausen a nakampenen dagiti namagmaga a material iti tengnga ti baro a pempen.

12. Mahalisen nga "apiten" ti kompos kalpasan ti 2 aginggat 4 a ket-gudua a bulan. Saan a nabangiti, nalukneng, ken tumayengteng a maris kape wemno ngamistit ti kolor ti nasasay a kompos. No saan a maaramat nga insigida ti kompos, isako dagitoy ken ihulinda iti nalinteng ken namaga a lugar.

Dagiti pakausaran ti kompos 1) Papanasenna ti pisiko a ramen ti daga. Alisto a maes-eran ti panmaraten a daga. Ngem no malakok daytoy ti kompos, agpaay daytoy kas ispongna ket tenglenna ti danum ken nitroheno. Iay a nasabaluan-ati mula a mapatanor kadagitoy panmaraten a daga nga adda komposna. Papatrayen met ti kompos dagiti pimmla a daga. Iay a pumintas no kua ti panages-es ti danum.

2) Mangipayay iti elemento a nitroheno, posporo ken potasio, agraman dadduma a babasit nga elemento. Ti kompos ti maysa kadagitoy materiales a maaramat iti maaramid a paggasatuan iti paria, kamatis, tarong, silil, kedy. Daytoy ti mangted iti nitroheno a kasapulannan dagiti bunshon bayat nga addada iti trey. Maaramat pay ti kompos a basal a ganangan para iti paria, kabatit, karabasa, ken tabungaw.

3) Agpaay ti kompos kas alep-ep. No maasar nga alep-ep, tumalong ti kompos tapno makainoi iti danum babasen iti panagsalildana. Ii daga manipud iti inin, itonon marunoten, mailaok ti kompos iti daga ket agbalin a nayon a paggasapan kadagitoy nitroheno.

4) Agpaay a pangdimolar iti sobra nga alsem ti daga gapu iti sobra a kemikal a ganangan.

5) Kaay-ayo dagiti lawalawla wemno dadduma a makatulong nga mekto ti agnaed iti daga nga adda ti ramenna nga organikong. (Ilocos Agriculture and Resources Research and Development Consortium)

PRANGKAHAN

NI CARLOS JUAN

Survey!

Villar, nanguna sa pinakahuling Pulse Asia survey? Hindi kaya sila LIAR kay Villar?

Panalo na raw si VILLAR bilang susunod na pangulo ng Pilipinas? Sana hindi naya dadaanin sa MONEY!

Sa pinakahuling survey ng Pulse Asia, pumangalawa naman si dating pangulong Estrada? Epekto ng ARTHURO!

Dating pangulong Fidel Ramos, tinawag na amoy lupa? Galing ito sa amoy sedal?

Senador Chiz, nangunguna sa survey bilang vice presidential candidate? Say CHIZ!

Brother Eddie Villanueva, nanguna rin sa survey bilang alternatibong kandidatang presidente sa 2010? Jesus is Lord! Jesus is good!

Nangungululat naman sa survey si DILG Secretary Ronnie Puno? Wahaha! INTERIOR!

Hindi raw matatag si Puno dahil hindi ito umuubra sa survey? Hindi makapigt ang kanyang ugat?

Pang-walo naman sa survey si MMDA Chairman Bayani "BF" Fernando! WINALIS si Bayani sa survey?

Si Among Ed Panlilio ng Pampanga, number 11? Hindi ma-AMO ang mga botante sa kanya?

Erap at Ping, idiniin ni Mancao sa Dacer-Corbido case? Mahirap-ERAP yan!

Infomercial, hindi raw puwedeng ipatigil ang sa Comelec? Ayon sa KUMOLEK?

Cha-Cha, buhay pa raw? Hanggang buhay ang mga kaalyado ng kanilang 'star dancer' sa palasyo?

9,000 aksidente sa kalye, dahil daw sa alak at text? Hik! Message failed!

Paggunaw ng mundo sa 2012, kinontra ng CBCP Naku, mahigit dalawang taon na lang sa poder ang mga pulitiko!

Paalala lamang po! Ang pikon ay habayasan kong mapikon! Ang sa akin lamang po, Frangkanghan lang walang personalan!

INBOX : Thanks for reading sa mga taga Community Affairs Office ayon sa City Hall, Provincial Tourism Office (Sir GI Joe Jimenez, Zandra) and of course to PTO employees especially to Provincial Treasurer Josephine P. Calajate. Happy reading din po kay City Treasurer Elena Asuncion and staff.

The terrorist and MM

From page 4 answer; if one would like to undergo suffocation due to air pollution Metro Manila will certainly entertain you; if one would like to go through instant millionaire MM will provide the best jobs (be employed at the LRA, Customs, BIR, DPWH, etc); if one would want to encounter a monstrous traffic and congested area MM is the final answer; if one would like to face a two-hour travel time over a 10-kilometer road MM is the best place; if one would want to experience the worst maneuvering dexterity MM will show you the best skills; if one would like to be exposed on a n'a's waste, shivers the perennial flooding and manholes MM will spell the difference; finally and not to hide some dirty matters for future discovery of the future generation, if one would want to have an experience for a good life for a short period of time go to MM.

Well, not to mention the beautiful malls sprouting around the greater MM, MM should experiment more into the development of huge parks that will give younger

generations better atmosphere in molding their physical body with a sound mind and provide a serious soul searching better environment. And this goes to remind the LGU's how important this would be for the future of a "family that stays together" will have a healthier place and a cleaner environment to go around with—and not within the casino premises.

How about education? Big yes MM has the best schools. Latest survey shows that out of 10 we are number nine—next to the lowest in Asia. How true, hope not because we produce good leaders who most of the time makes our economy workable exclusively for tuta politicians including their family members and close friend. Thus, if you want to experience and learn more about models of worst leadership who are graduates of the best schools in the Philippines go to MM.

Little provinces like our very own Ilocos will someday have a space for good learners and our local leaders for sure are doing something about it. Just hoping Ilocos will not experience the same like MM.

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Highway fable

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Honolulu, Hawaii August 21, 2009

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Maasiak kadagiti adalan daytoy a maestro a din sa met nakasursuro.

Honolulu, Hawaii
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