

**“SHE wasted our time, made us all look like fools and mocked our judicial and legislative systems. She deserves to be jailed and taught a lesson.”**

Thus said leaders of an anti-crime group who are still mad at the recantation of a 19-year-old errand girl whom they had helped file charges against a former Quezon City police colonel she had accused of rape last year.

The Manila-based Volunteers Against Crime and Corruption yesterday demanded that the girl tell the “real reason” why she had retracted her accusations against former Anonas police station Supt. Francisco Ovilla.

VACC president Dante Jimenez and vice president Lauro Vizconde told the *INQUIRER* the group would see to it that the erstwhile defendant be sent to jail for perjury.

They said the girl even related her story under oath during a hearing before the House of Representatives committee on public order and safety chaired by Rep. Roilo Golez.

“We would have understood if she had merely wanted to be left in peace when she decided to retract,” Vizconde said. “But not this nonsense. The case is too complicated for her to withdraw just like that.”

The anti-crime group will use transcripts of the girl’s testimony at the legislative hearing in pinning her for the perjury.

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The case was filed two days ago at the QC prosecutor's office and VACC lawyer Pete Principe, the girl's counsel in the rape case, will be her prosecutor.

In her retraction, the girl belied the accusations of rape and acts of lasciviousness she had filed against Ovilla and said she "could no longer endure lying." She claimed that two policemen, SPO1 Reynato Resurreccion and PO3 Wilfredo Gonzales, forced her to accuse Ovilla.

But Principe said VACC firmly believes that the rape happened to her and the group has the medico-legal report that ruled she was definitely raped.

Among the two signatories in the girl's one-page retraction dated Jan. 18

was Ovilla's wife Marilou. Jimenez said they had learned that the girl is living with Marilou and that she is engaged in a vending business at the QC jail, where Ovilla is detained.

Principe said her accusations that policemen Resurreccion and Gonzales forced her to accuse Ovilla would adversely affect another case which Ovilla and 12 of his men are facing.

Ovilla and his subordinates are accused of freeing two suspected drug traffickers in August 1999 for P650,000. This resulted in their dismissal from the police service.

Ovilla had denied involvement in both cases and claimed his accusers were out to humiliate and harass him.