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Mayor's aide shoots, kills town secretary

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CUYAPO, Nueva Ecija — For allegedly casting a "malicious look," the secretary of the sangguniang bayan of this town was shot dead by a driver-security aide of the mayor at mid-morning of last Wednesday at the town hall here.

Supt. Danilo Fernando, police chief, identified the victim as Angelito Espinoza y Gines, 40, of Mabini St., District 8, this town. He suffered bullet wounds in the chest and back.

Espinoza was appointed three days earlier as municipal board secretary.

In a report to Nueva Ecija police director Senior Supt. Napoleon C. Taas, Fernando identified the suspect as Carlito Samonte y Lapitan, 56, alias "Kuratong," of Barangay San Jose, this town, driverbody-guard of Mayor Amado Corpuz.

SPO2 Leon Domine reported that Espinoza was tinkering with the tail light of his car parked in the covered car park in the town hall compound at about 9:40 a.m. last Wednesday when Samonte passed by.

At this juncture, Espinoza allegedly cast "a malicious look" at Samonte.

This reported sparked a heated argument between the two. Later, Samonte drew a caliber .45 pistol from a clutch bag and shot Espinoza in the chest. And while Espinoza ran away, he was again shot at the back.

The shooting took place a stone's throw away from the police station.

A black bag which was found by a rural health center worker, identified as Victoria Agpalo Mirafelis, yielded a 9mm pistol model 75, with serial number 4497 with 14 live bullets.