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Justice for torture victim Jerryme Corre

Dear Inspector General,

I am writing to you on behalf of public transport driver Jerryme Corre, who suffered shocking torture at the hands of police in the Philippines, after they accused him of killing a police officer.

He was taken into custody by police officers and severely beaten and tortured so police could extract a false confession from him. He told Amnesty International that, after his arrest, the officers “kicked and punched me on the sides, neck, stomach and knees”. Then they blindfolded him, handcuffed his ankles, and beat him throughout the night, hitting the soles of his feet with a wooden baton. If Jerryme couldn’t answer their questions, they punched him. They put a cloth over his mouth and poured water down his throat “until I felt like I was drowning”. Later, when he still refused to confess, they took exposed electric wires and electrocuted him on his back, side and thighs. Then they threatened to kill him.

As they tried to force a confession, the officers repeatedly called him ‘Boyet’. He told them this wasn’t his name, and a local village official also told them they had the wrong man. They refused to listen, and eventually charged Jerryme with possessing drugs. He’s still in jail more than two years on.

In light of this, I urge you to open a prompt, impartial and thorough investigation into the allegations of torture and other ill-treatment suffered by Jerryme Corre in January 2012. I also urge you to bring those responsible for Jerryme Corre’s arrest and torture to justice.

Yours sincerely,