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POEA WARNS FILIPINO NURSES ABOUT FAKE RECRUITERS TO US AND CANADA

Filipino nurses eyeing jobs in the US and Canada should be wary of illegal recruiters who use names of existing foreign agencies and e-mails like hansbeda@aol.com to recruit new nurses for these destinations.

POEA Administrator Jennifer Jardin-Manalili said the Philippine Embassy in Ottawa has received complaints from several Filipino nurses who were allegedly recruited by a nurse recruiting agent from the US named AGERICO CASEY GABRIEL (a.k.a. Casey Gabriel) or under the name of MEDICAL CAREGIVER MANAGEMENT.

Gabriel's modus operandi is to introduce himself as an agent of Medical Link or other legitimate US-based nurse recruiting agency. He usually holds a recruitment conference without asking any money from the victims. After gaining their trust, he then asks for money allegedly for escrow payments required for visas to "complete the process." However, the President of Medical Link and Mr. Sam Switzer of another agency have denied any on-going recruitment for foreign nurses and any knowledge of one Agerico Casey Gabriel.

Manalili advised job applicants to be vigilant about the various modus operandi of illegal recruiters by checking out the legitimacy of persons and entities promising employment for their own protection. For the status of recruitment agencies and availability of job orders, the public can visit the POEA website www.poea.gov.ph or call POEA hotlines 722-1155 / 722-1144 or verify through Globe SMS at POEA TXT 2917.