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Former New York Police Department officer Rex-Gene Maralit leaves Brooklyn Federal Court with his wife Sharon after being freed on bail in September 2013. (Jeff Buchner/New York Daily News)

## Ex-cop, bro. get 3 years for gun traffic to PH

*Ariel Maralit has yet to present himself for court proceedings*

Two New York-based Filipino brothers have been sentenced to three years in federal prison last Friday after they were found guilty of illegally exporting military-grade firearms to the Philippines, reports said.

Judge Alayne Ross sentenced Rex-Gene and Wilfredo Maralit for illegally exporting high-powered weapons to the Philippines from January 2009 to September 2013, according to a report in *The New York Times*.

Rex, a New York Police Department (NYPD) officer for 11 years, and Wilfredo, a Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officer for nine years, sent



U.S. Customs officer Wilfredo Maralit leaves Brooklyn Federal Court on June 12, 2014. (Photo by Ryan Hagan/New York Post)



ARIEL MARALIT

to a third brother, Ariel, in the Philippines to distribute them to buyers.

According to court documents, Rex would use his status as a

police officer when buying guns, while Wilfredo told a weapons distributor that his purchases were for the border protection agency.

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## Ali picks Pacquiao over Mayweather



Boxing legend Muhammad Ali (right) and Manny Pacquiao in an undated photo. (Photo by TMZ.com)

By ABAC CORDERO

MANILA — The man they call "The Greatest" is picking Manny Pacquiao over Floyd Mayweather Jr. in the historic May 2 clash at the MGM Grand. Entertainment portal TMZ recently spoke to the daughter of

Muhammad Ali, the great heavy-weight champion, and she shared her father's thoughts.

"My dad is Team Pacquiao all the way," said Rashoda Ali, who had personally met the Filipino superstar.

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## Interview with top PH priest diplomat in UN

By MANNY CABALLERO  
Exclusive to the Filipino Reporter

Perhaps, many of our readers are not aware that for almost a year now, there has been a top Filipino (Boholano) priest diplomat in the United Nations representing The Holy See.

He is, His Excellency Archbishop Bernardino "Barney" Cleopas Anza. He was born in a family of 12 children in Bohol Province and finished his initial priesthood education in the Philippines. He was ordained in California in 1985 and pursued graduate studies in Rome.

The *Filipino Reporter* took the initiative of interviewing



His Excellency, Archbishop Bernardino "Barney" Cleopas Anza (right), with the Filipino Reporter's Manny Caballero.

Archbishop Anza, through the assistance of TOFA-NY Community Service Awardee

Roger Santos, who is a core member of the Bohol Turn to page 13

## New York Film Academy opens doors to Pinoy students

If you are a film enthusiast who is seriously considering a career in the film industry, an education at the New York Film Academy

(NYFA) can help bring you closer to your dream.

According to the *Philippine Star*, interested Filipino students

can get an insight into the academic program being offered by the prestigious school when Kitty Koo, NYFA VP for international

relations, visits Manila on April 16 to meet prospective students during a special session organized by International Education

Specialists (Inter-Ed), the country's first and premier organization in student placement and Turn to page 6

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