



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

Sandiganbayan

Centennial Building, Commonwealth Avenue, Quezon City

FIFTH DIVISION

PEOPLE OF THE PHILIPPINES,
Plaintiff,

SB-16-CRM-0501 to 0506
all for: Violation of Sec. 8
of the R. A. No. 6713

- versus -

SADIKUL ADALLA SAHALI,
Accused.

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DECISION

In today's hearing of accused Sadikul A. Sahali's MOTION TO CHANGE PLEA dated 9 August 2017, Atty. Julie Ann V. Chang-Lim, counsel for the accused, manifested that accused Sahali would like to change his plea of "not guilty" to that of "guilty" in these six (6) cases. Dir. Lalaine D. Benitez, on the query of the Court, manifested that it was the Field Investigation Office (FIO) of the Office of the Ombudsman that was the complainant in these cases, and that the prosecution interposed no objection to the proposed change of plea of said accused.

Thereupon, accused Sadikul A. Sahali, assisted by Atty. Chang-Lim, was re-arraigned in these six (6) cases. Upon re-arraignment, the accused entered separate pleas of guilty to the charges against him.


Having pleaded guilty to the charges in the informations, accused is deemed to have admitted all the material facts alleged therein. Accused admits his guilt freely and voluntarily with full knowledge of the consequences and meaning of the act, with a clear understanding of the precise nature of the crime charged in the information.

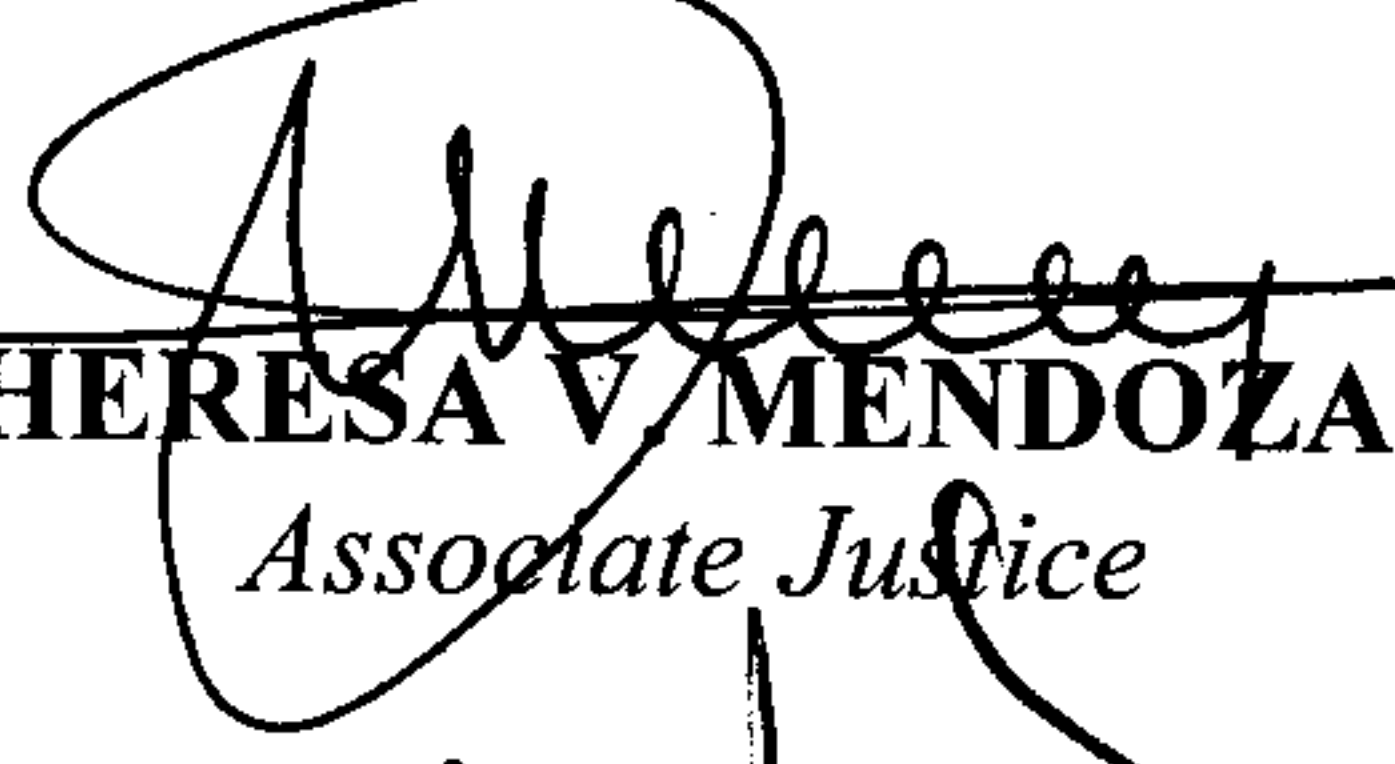
WHEREFORE, judgment is hereby rendered finding the accused **Sadikul A. Sahali** GUILTY beyond reasonable doubt for six (6) counts of violation of Section 8(a) of Republic Act No. 6713, otherwise known as the "Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards for Public Officials and Employees." He is hereby sentenced to pay a fine of Five Thousand Pesos (Php5,000.00) for each case, or a total of Thirty Thousand Pesos (Php30,000.00) for all the six charges against him and, in case of insolvency, shall be required to undergo subsidiary imprisonment.

There being no civil liability involved, no award of damages is made in these cases.

SO ORDERED.

Given in open court this 18th day of August 2017 at Quezon City, Philippines.



RAFAEL R. LAGOS
Chairperson
Associate Justice


MARIA THERESA V. MENDOZA-ARCEGA
Associate Justice


LORIFEL L. PAHIMNA*
Associate Justice

ATTESTATION

I attest that the conclusions in the above Decision were reached in consultation with the Justices of the Court's Division.


RAFAEL R. LAGOS
Chairperson, Fifth Division
Associate Justice

CERTIFICATION

Pursuant to Article VIII, Section 13 of the Constitution, and the Division Chairperson's Attestation, it is hereby certified that the conclusions in the above Decision were reached in consultation among the Justices of the Court's Division.


AMPARO M. CABOTAJE-TANG
Presiding Justice

* Sitting as Special Member per Administrative Order No. 282-2017, dated August 17, 2017.