



Republic of the Philippines
SANDIGANBAYAN
Quezon City

SIXTH DIVISION

PEOPLE OF THE PHILIPPINES,
Plaintiff,

- versus -

**CRIM. CASE NOS. SB-16-CRM-
1291 to 1296**

For: Violation of R.A. 6713

RUBY SAHALI TAN,

Accused.

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DECISION

When this case was called for re-arraignment, the Court allowed, upon motion of the accused, a waiver of the reading of the Information in Criminal Cases No. 1292 to 1296, upon personal examination of the accused Ruby Sahali Tan and after explaining to her, in a language or dialect known and understood by her, the consequences of her waiver. Thereafter, the accused expressed her full understanding and consent to the said waiver in writing.

Upon re-arraignment and reading of the information in Criminal Case No. SB-16-CRM-1291 and informing her of the causes of accusations against her in Criminal Cases No. SB-16-CRM-1292 to 1296, in English, a language known and understood by her, accused Ruby Sahali Tan, assisted by her counsel, Atty. Julie Ann V. Chang-Lim, entered a plea of "Guilty" to each of the charges in the Informations against her.

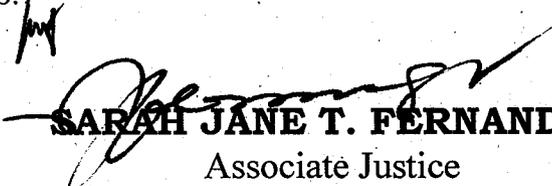
When queried, the accused and her counsel informed the Court that the accused fully understands the nature and consequences of her entering a plea of guilty to the crime charged in the Informations. Having pleaded guilty to the charges in the Informations, the accused is deemed to have admitted all the material facts alleged therein.

WHEREFORE, judgment is hereby rendered finding the accused Ruby Sahali Tan "Guilty" beyond reasonable doubt for six (6) counts of Violation of Section 8 of Republic Act No. 6713, otherwise known as the Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards for Public Officials and Employees. She is hereby sentenced to pay a penalty of fine in the amount of Five Thousand Pesos (Php5,000.00) for each of the cases or a total amount of Thirty Thousand Pesos (Php30,000.00) for all six (6) charges.

In case of insolvency, she shall be required to undergo subsidiary imprisonment. There being no civil liability involved, no award of damages is made in these cases. The fine is payable within five (5) days from today.

SO ORDERED.

GIVEN in open court this 18th day of September, 2017, at Quezon City, Philippines.



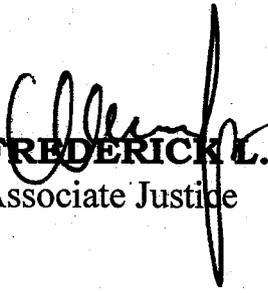
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Associate Justice
Chairperson

We concur:



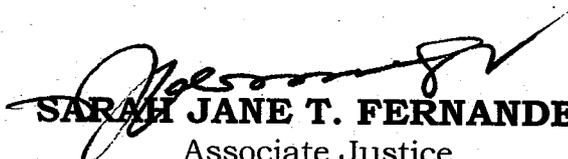
KARL B. MIRANDA
Associate Justice



MICHAEL FREDERICK L. MUSNGI*
Associate Justice

ATTESTATION

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

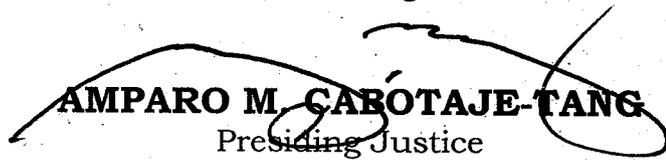


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CERTIFICATION

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. CAROTAJE-TANG
Presiding Justice

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* J. Musngi will sit as Special member of the 6th Division in view of the vacancy therein, per A.O. No. 124-2017 dated April 4, 2017.