

Republic of the Philippines  
**SANDIGANBAYAN**  
Quezon City

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Second Division

People of the Philippines,  
Plaintiff,

Crim. Case No. SB-15-CRM-0084 to  
SB-15-CRM-0086

*For: Failure of Accountable Officer  
to Render Account (Art. 218, RPC)*

-versus-

Present:  
Herrera, Jr., J. *Chairperson*  
Musngi, J. &  
Pahimna, J.

Cristeto E. Dinopol, Jr.  
Accused.

Promulgated:

October 24, 2017 *A*

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**DECISION**

***HERRERA, JR., J:***

Accused Cristeto E. Dinopol, Jr. (Dinopol, Jr.) is charged before the Court with three (3) counts of ***Violation of Article 218 of the Revised Penal Code, or Failure Of Accountable Officer To Render Accounts***, under three (3) separate ***Informations*** all dated November 20, 2014, docketed as SB-15-CRM-0084, 0085 and 0086.

When the cases were called today, accused Dinopol, Jr., through counsel, Atty. Kae Dee Fernandez, moved that he be allowed to withdraw his earlier plea of not guilty to the charges, and that he be re-arraigned. There being no objection on the part of the prosecution, the Court granted the motion.

Upon being re-arraigned, accused Dinopol, Jr., assisted by counsel, waived the reading of the ***Informations*** and declared before the Court that he understands the nature and cause of the accusations against him as well as the consequences of such waiver, and that he is entering a plea of guilty to the charges contained in the three (3) ***Informations***.

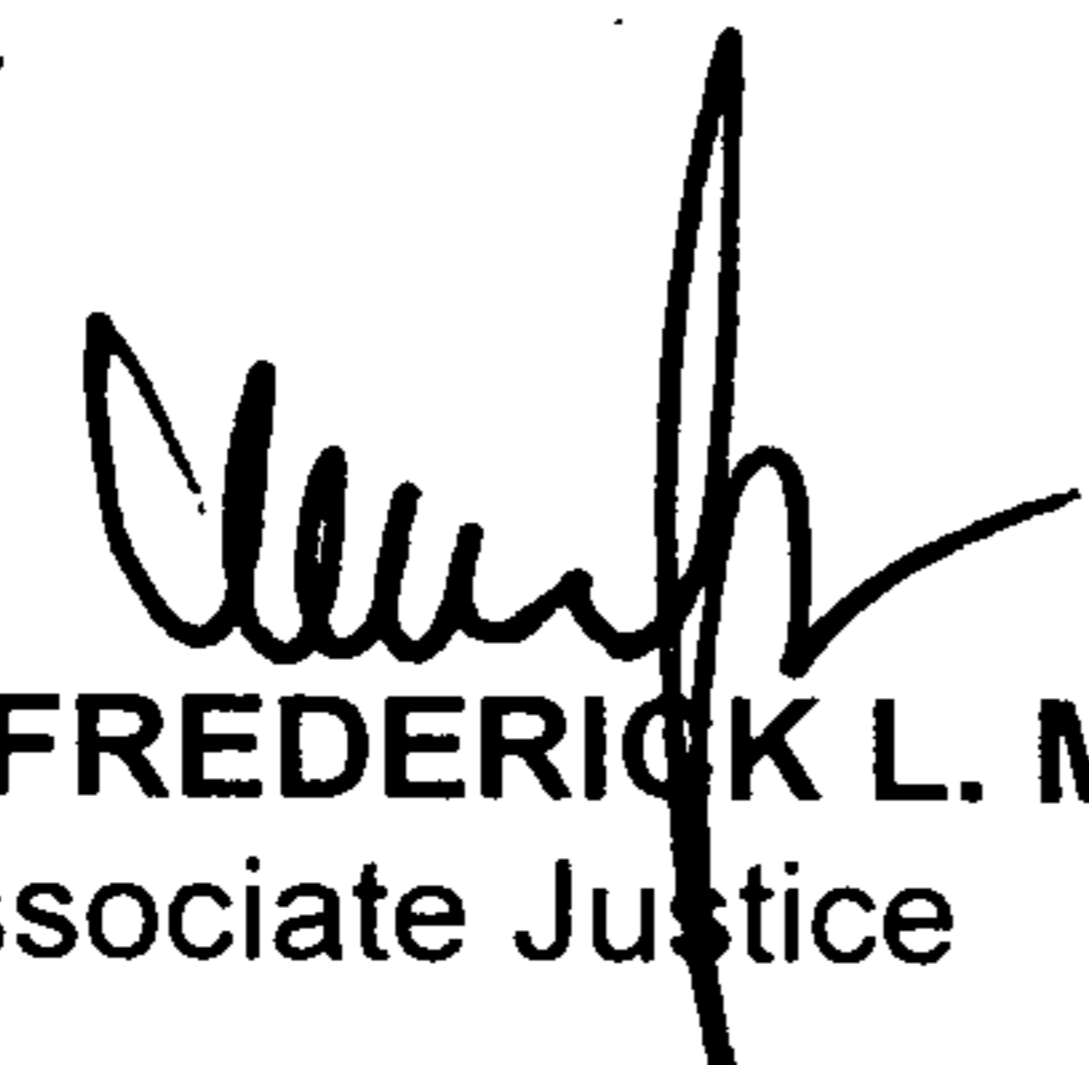
WHEREFORE, premises considered, the Court finds accused Cristeto E. Dinopol, Jr. **guilty** beyond reasonable doubt of **Violation of Art. 218 of the Revised Penal Code, or Failure of Accountable Officer to Render Accounts**, as charged in the **Informations** in Criminal Cases SB-15-CRM-0084, SB-15-CRM-0085, and SB-15-CRM-0086. Considering his voluntary plea of guilty, he is hereby sentenced to pay a fine of Two Thousand Pesos (₱2,000.00) each for the three (3) counts of Violation of Article 218 of the Revised Penal Code, or a total amount of Six Thousand Pesos (₱6,000.00).

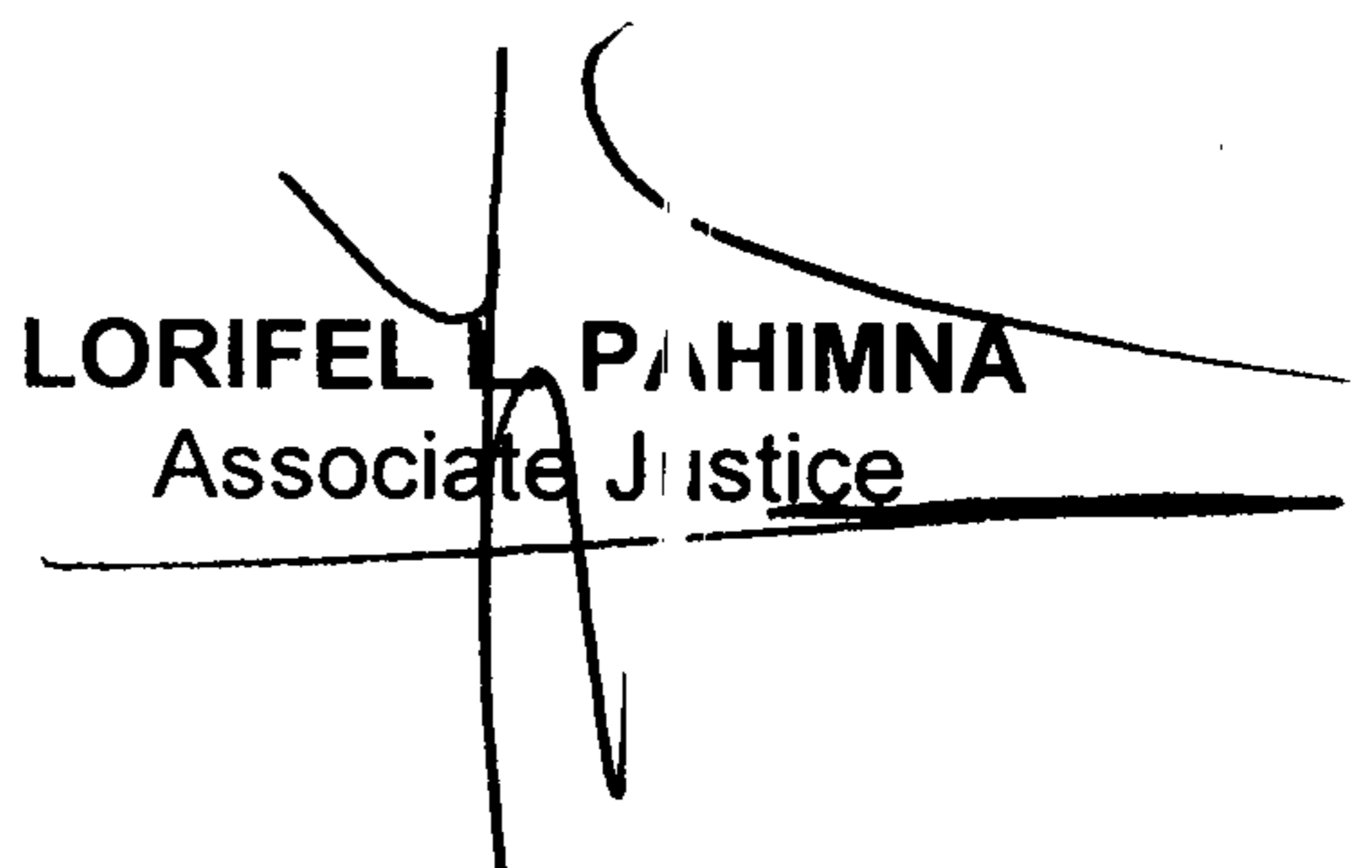
SO ORDERED.

GIVEN IN OPEN COURT this 24<sup>th</sup> day of October 2017, Quezon City, Philippines.

  
OSCAR C. HERRERA, JR.  
Chairperson

We concur:

  
MICHAEL FREDERICK L. MUSNGI  
Associate Justice

  
LORIFEL P. PAHIMNA  
Associate Justice

**ATTESTATION**

I attest that the conclusions in the above decision were reached in consultation before the case was assigned to the writer of the opinion of the Court's Division.

  
OSCAR C. HERRERA, JR.  
Chairperson  
Second Division

## CERTIFICATION

Pursuant to Article VIII, Section 13 of the Constitution and the Division Chairman's Attestation, it is hereby certified that the conclusions in the above decision were reached in consultation before the case was assigned to the writer of the opinion of the Court's Division.

  
**AMPARO M. CABOTAJE-TANG**  
Presiding Justice