



Republic of the Philippines  
SANDIGANBAYAN  
Centennial Building, Commonwealth Ave., Quezon City

**FIFTH DIVISION**

People of the Philippines,  
*Plaintiff,*

- versus - **Crim. Case Nos. SB-18-CRM-0034 to 0043**  
For: Failure to Render Accounts  
[Violation of Art. 218 of the  
Revised Penal Code (RPC)]

**NICOMEDES A. DELOS SANTOS,**  
*Accused.*

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**DECISION**

In today's scheduled arraignment and pre-trial in these cases, the Court was presented with accused **NICOMEDES A. DELOS SANTOS'** "MANIFESTATION WITH MOTION" dated 21 May 2018, stating that accused maintains his intent to plead guilty to the charges in these cases, but moves that the Court impose only a fine in accordance with the provisions of Article 218 of the Revised Penal Code (RPC). When asked, accused manifested that he understands the nature and consequences of pleading guilty to the crime charged against him. The prosecution did not interpose any objection.

Accordingly, accused Delos Santos' manifestation is hereby NOTED, and his motion is hereby GRANTED.

Accused Nicomedes A. Delos Santos, with the assistance of his counsel, Atty. Karl Stev<sup>n</sup> Co, expressly waived a full reading of the Informations and entered a plea of guilty to all pf these Informations. Having pleaded guilty to the charge in the Informations, accused Delos Santos 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 Informations.

WHEREFORE, judgment is hereby rendered finding the accused **NICOMEDES A. DELOS SANTOS GUILTY** beyond reasonable doubt in Criminal Cases Nos. SB-18-CRM-0034 up to 0043. He is meted the FINE of Three Thousand Pesos (Php3,000.00) each for the ten (10) Informations filed against him, or a total of Thirty Thousand Pesos (Php30,000.00) for all these 10 cases and, in case of insolvency, he shall be required to undergo subsidiary imprisonment. NO COSTS.

Upon payment of the fine, the cash bond posted by said accused Delos Santos in all these cases, amounting to Sixty Thousand Pesos (Php60,000.00), is hereby ordered RELEASED to him subject to the usual auditing and accounting

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procedures. The Hold Departure Order dated February 12, 2018 is likewise ordered LIFTED and SET ASIDE.

SO ORDERED.

Given in open Court this 25<sup>th</sup> day of May 2018 at Quezon City, Philippines.

  
**RAFAEL R. LAGOS**

Chairperson

*Associate Justice*

  
**MARIA THERESA V. MENDOZA-ARCEGA**

*Associate Justice*

  
**MARYANN E. CORPUS-MAÑALAC**

*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 in the Court's Division.

  
**RAFAEL R. LAGOS**

Chairperson

*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 before the case was assigned to the writer of the opinion of the Court's Division.

  
**AMPARO M. CABOTAJE-TANG**

*Presiding Justice*