

Republic of the Philippines

Sandiganbayan

Quezon City

FIRST DIVISION

PEOPLE OF THE PHILIPPINES,
Plaintiff,

- versus -

Criminal Cases No.

SB-17-CRM-1007 to 1016

BASHER SARIP NOOR,
Accused.

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DECISION

At the arraignment this morning, accused Basher Sarip Noor, through his counsel *de parte*, Atty. Gil U. Banaag, moved that the reading of the ten (10) Informations against the accused be waived. The Court inquired from the accused if he understands that the consequence of waiving the reading of the Informations against him means that he is waiving his right to be informed of the cause and nature of the accusations against him, and the said accused informed the Court that he fully understands it, as his counsel already read and explained to him the meaning and consequence of such waiver. The Court then asked the accused if he understands the charges against him as stated in the ten (10) Informations, and he answered in the affirmative. Convinced that the accused fully understands the consequences of his waiver of the reading of the Informations and the charges against him, the Court granted the accused's motion. In response to the Court's question about his plea, the accused, assisted by Atty. Banaag, pleaded "Guilty" to the three (3) counts of perjury defined and penalized under Article 183 of the Revised Penal Code in Criminal Cases No. SB-17-CRM-1007, No. SB-17-CRM-1008 and No. SB-17-CRM-1009, and to the seven (7) 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 in Criminal Cases No. SB-17-CRM-1010, No. SB-17-CRM-1011, No. SB-17-CRM-1012, No. SB-17-CRM-1013, No. SB-17-CRM-1014, No. SB-17-CRM-1015 and SB-17-CRM-1016.

WHEREFORE, in light of all the foregoing, judgment is hereby rendered finding accused Basher Sarip Noor "**GUILTY**" beyond reasonable doubt of three (3) counts of perjury, defined and penalized under Article 183 of the Revised Penal Code, and there being one (1) mitigating circumstance of plea of guilty as provided in paragraph 7, Article 13 of the Revised Penal Code, is hereby sentenced to suffer the penalty of six (6) months imprisonment each in Criminal Cases No. SB-17-CRM-1007, No. SB-17-CRM-1008 and No. SB-17-CRM-1009, and of seven (7) counts of violation of Section 8 of Republic Act No. 6713, and is hereby sentenced to pay a fine of Five Hundred Pesos (P500.00) each in Criminal Cases No. SB-17-CRM-1010, No. SB-17-CRM-1011, No. SB-17-CRM-1012, No. SB-17-CRM-1013, No. SB-17-CRM-1014, No. SB-17-CRM-1015 and No. SB-17-CRM-1016.

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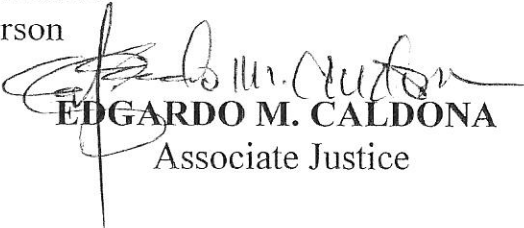
On motion of Atty. Banaag, and there being no objection from the prosecution, the Court hereby allows the accused to continue to enjoy provisional liberty based on the original bail that he posted.

SO ORDERED.

Given in open court this 26th day of September, 2018, in Cagayan de Oro City, Philippines.


EFREN N. DE LA CRUZ
Associate Justice
Chairperson


GERALDINE FAITH A. ECONG
Associate Justice


EDGARDO M. CALDONA
Associate Justice

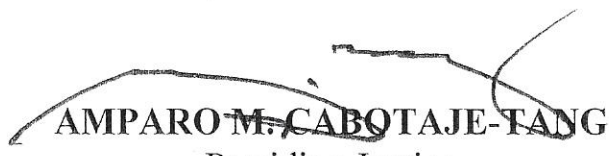
ATTESTATION

I attest that the conclusions in the above Decision were reached in consultation with the members of the First Division before the foregoing decision was given.


EFREN N. DE LA CRUZ
Chairperson, First Division

CERTIFICATION

Pursuant to Section 13, Article VIII of the Constitution, and the attestation of the Chairperson of the First Division, it is hereby certified that the conclusions in the above-decision were reached in consultation before the said decision was rendered.


AMPARO M. CABOTAJE-TANG
Presiding Justice

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