

Republic of the Philippines  
**SANDIGANBAYAN**  
Quezon City

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Second Division

The People of the Philippines,  
*Plaintiff,*

Crim. Case No. SB-16-CRM-0772

-versus-

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

Francisco Maceren Langi, Sr.,  
*Accused.*

Promulgated:

*March 5, 2019*

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**DECISION**

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

Accused Francisco Maceren Langi, Sr. is charged before this Court with ***Violation of Section 3(e) of Republic Act (R.A.) No. 3019, as amended***, also known as the ***Anti-Graft And Corrupt Practices Act***, under an ***Information*** dated July 27, 2016.

When this case was called today, accused Langi, through counsel, Atty. Neil Jerome Rapatan, moved that he be allowed to withdraw his earlier plea of not guilty and that he be re-arraigned. Since there was no objection on the part of the prosecution, the Court granted the motion.

Upon being re-arraigned under the same information dated July 27, 2016, accused Langit, Sr., through counsel, informed the Court that he is waiving the reading of the information, that he understands the nature and cause of the charge against him, and that he is pleading guilty to the lesser offense of ***Violation of Section 108, in relation to Section 128, of Presidential Decree (P.D.) No. 1445***, or the ***Government Auditing Code Of The Philippines***.

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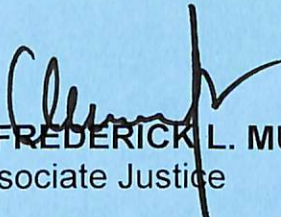
The Office of the Special Prosecutor, Office of the Ombudsman, gave its consent for and in behalf of the prosecution and the offended party.

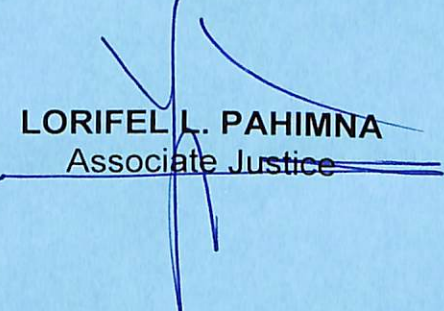
WHEREFORE, premises considered, the Court finds the accused, Francisco Maceren Langi, Sr. guilty beyond reasonable doubt of **Violation of Section 108, in relation to Section 128, of Presidential Decree (P.D.) No. 1445**, or the **Government Auditing Code Of The Philippines**. He is hereby sentenced to pay a fine of ₱1,000.00.

SO ORDERED.

  
OSCAR O. HERRERA, JR.  
Chairperson  
Associate Justice

We concur:

  
MICHAEL FREDERICK L. MUSNGI  
Associate Justice

  
LORIFEL L. PAHIMNA  
Associate Justice

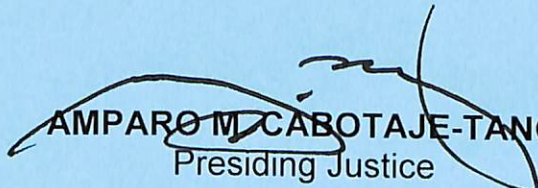
**ATTESTATION**

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

