



PEOPLE OF THE PHILIPPINES,  
Plaintiff,

CRIMINAL CASE NO.  
SB-17-CRM-2184

- versus -

MANUEL JALDO AOYANG, ET AL.,  
Accused.

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### DECISION

This afternoon, Atty. Mitchel Del Rosario, counsel for accused Eleno Barsolaso Calot, manifested that they would like to avail of plea bargaining. The prosecution having confirmed that the same has been approved, the defense counsel then moved for the withdrawal of accused Calot's former plea of "Not Guilty." Thereafter, the accused was re-arraigned.

Upon reading of the Information in English, a language known and understood by the accused, and when asked by the Court, accused Eleno Barsolaso Calot entered a plea of "**Guilty**" to the lesser offense of Frauds Against the Public Treasury and Similar Offenses, as defined and penalized under Article 213, paragraph 1 of the Revised Penal Code.

WHEREFORE, the Court finds the accused Eleno Barsolaso Calot **GUILTY** beyond reasonable doubt as charged and imposes a fine of One Thousand Pesos (Php1,000.00), with the specific consent of the Public Prosecutor to that effect.

Let his plea of "**Guilty**" be entered into the criminal docket of this Court.

Subsequent to the re-arraignment of accused Calot, the initial presentation of prosecution evidence proceeded as scheduled. The prosecution then called their first witness in the person of **Sonia P. Evardone**. Upon completion of her testimony, the prosecution moved for the continuation of the presentation of its evidence tomorrow. The defense interposed no objection.

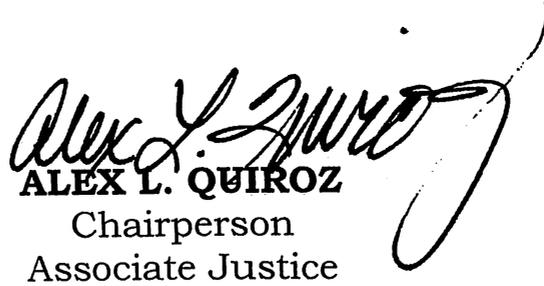
Let the continuation of the presentation of the prosecution evidence be set tomorrow, as previously scheduled.

**SO ORDERED.**

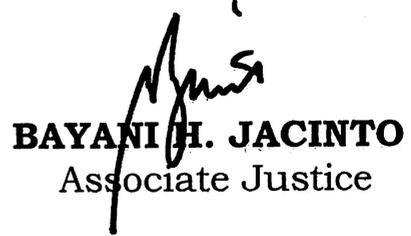
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**ALEX L. QUIROZ**  
Chairperson  
Associate Justice

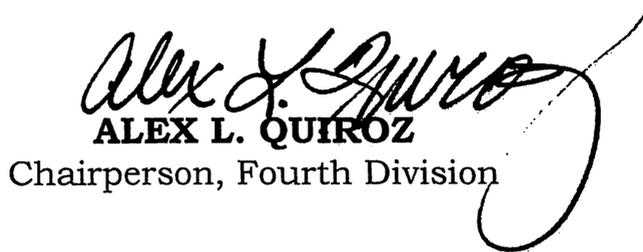
  
**REYNALDO P. CRUZ**  
Associate Justice  
  
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**BAYANI H. JACINTO**  
Associate Justice

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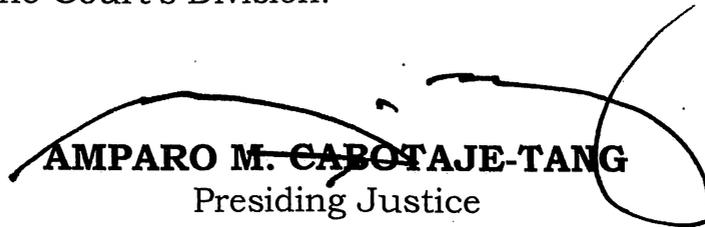
**ATTESTATION**

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.

  
**ALEX L. QUIROZ**  
Chairperson, Fourth Division

**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