



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
SANDIGANBAYAN
Quezon City

Fifth Division

PEOPLE OF THE PHILIPPINES,
Plaintiff,

SB-16-CRM-0633

- versus -

MARIO JOEL T. REYES, et al.,
Accused.

Present:
LAGOS, J., Chairperson, CRUZ* and
MENDOZA-ARCEGA, JJ.

Promulgated:

September 11, 2017 *led*

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RESOLUTION

LAGOS, J.:

For resolution is the Motion to Dismiss (with Manifestation) of accused Marina Sula¹ and the prosecution's Comment (to accused Sula's Motion to Dismiss)².

Accused Sula alleges that the filing of charges against her this late violates her right to speedy trial. According to the accused, the alleged acts constituting a violation of Section 3 (e) of R.A. No. 3019 were committed way back in 2004. The criminal complaint was filed before the Ombudsman by Task Force Abono as far back as 05 April 2011, seven years since the alleged acts were committed. Despite this, the said complaint was resolved only on December 12, 2014, three years after the filing of the complaint while the Information was filed on September 14, 2016, more than a decade since the alleged acts were committed.

* As per Administrative Order No. 025-2017 dated February 1, 2017.

¹ Dated August 22, 2017.

² Dated August 25, 2017.

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