



Republic of the Philippines
Sandiganbayan
Quezon City

SEVENTH DIVISION

MINUTES of the proceedings held on October 3, 2017.

Present:

MA. THERESA DOLORES C. GOMEZ-ESTOESTA ----- Chairperson
ZALDY V. TRESPESES ----- Associate Justice
BAYANI H. JACINTO* ----- Associate Justice

The following resolution was adopted:

Criminal Case Nos. SB-13-CRM-0912 to 0917 – People v. Aunnielyne Castillo, et al.

For resolution is accused Aunnielyne Castillo's "FORMAL OFFER OF EVIDENCE" dated September 1, 2017, which prayed for the admission of Exhibits "1" to "4" and their respective submarkings. It is noted that the documentary exhibits formed part of the Judicial Affidavit of accused Aunnielyne Castillo ["accused"] who described and supposedly authenticated them.

Prosecution's "COMMENT/OBJECTION RE: FORMAL OFFER OF EVIDENCE DATED 1 SEPTEMBER 2017" dated September 18, 2017 raised objections to all of accused's exhibits, on ground that they are either self-serving or hearsay.

After a consideration of the same, this Court resolves to **ADMIT**:

Exhibits "1" and "2", as part of the allegations made in the judicial affidavit of accused who identified the same exhibits.¹

Exhibits "3" and "4",² being duplicate originals or photocopies of documents which were certified by the public officer in custody thereof to be true and authentic photocopies of records on file pursuant to Section 7, Rule 130 of the *Revised Rules on Evidence*.³ Public documents⁴ may be proved by

* Per Administrative Order No. 284-2017 dated August 18, 2017

¹ Accused identified Exhibits "1" (par. 11) and "2" (par. 13) in her Judicial Affidavit dated May 18, 2017

² Records, Vol. 2, pp. 388-399

³ Section 7, Rule 130 of the *Revised Rules on Evidence* provides:

SEC. 7. Evidence admissible when original document is a public record. - When the original of a document is in the custody of a public officer or is recorded in a public office, its contents may be proved by a certified copy issued by the public officer in custody thereof.

⁴ Section 19 (a), Rule 132 of the *Revised Rules on Evidence* reads:

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the original copy, an official publication thereof, or a certified true copy thereof.⁵

The purpose of the offer and the objection in each exhibit shall be evaluated in the ultimate disposition of the case.

Per this Court's Order⁶ dated August 22, 2017, upon receipt of a copy of this resolution, the parties are given a simultaneous period of 30 days to file their respective memorandum. Thereafter, with or without said memorandum or upon expiration of the period to submit the same, the case is submitted for decision.

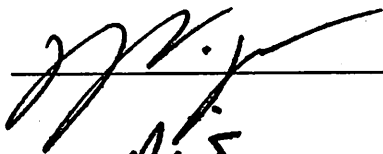
The promulgation of judgment on December 1, 2017 at 8:30 in the morning stands.

SO ORDERED.

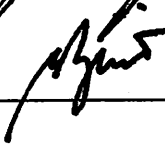
GOMEZ-ESTOESTA, J., Chairperson



TRESPESES, J.



JACINTO, J.



Sec. 19. Classes of Documents – For the purpose of their presentation in evidence, documents are either public or private.

Public documents are:

- (a) The written official acts, or records of the official acts of the sovereign authority, official bodies and tribunals, and public officers, whether of the Philippines, or of a foreign country; xxx

⁵ Vide: *Delfin v. Billones*, G.R. No. 146550, March 17, 2006

⁶ Records, Vol. 3, p. 52