

Republic of the Philippines
SANDIGANBAYAN
Quezon City

Second Division

People of the Philippines,
Plaintiff,

Crim. Cases Nos. SB-14-CRM-0054 to
SB-14-CRM-0102

*For: Violation of Section 52(g) of
R.A. 8291*

-versus-

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

Jose Ma. I. Sarasola II,
Accused.

Promulgated:
November 8, 2017

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RESOLUTION

HERRERA, JR., J.:

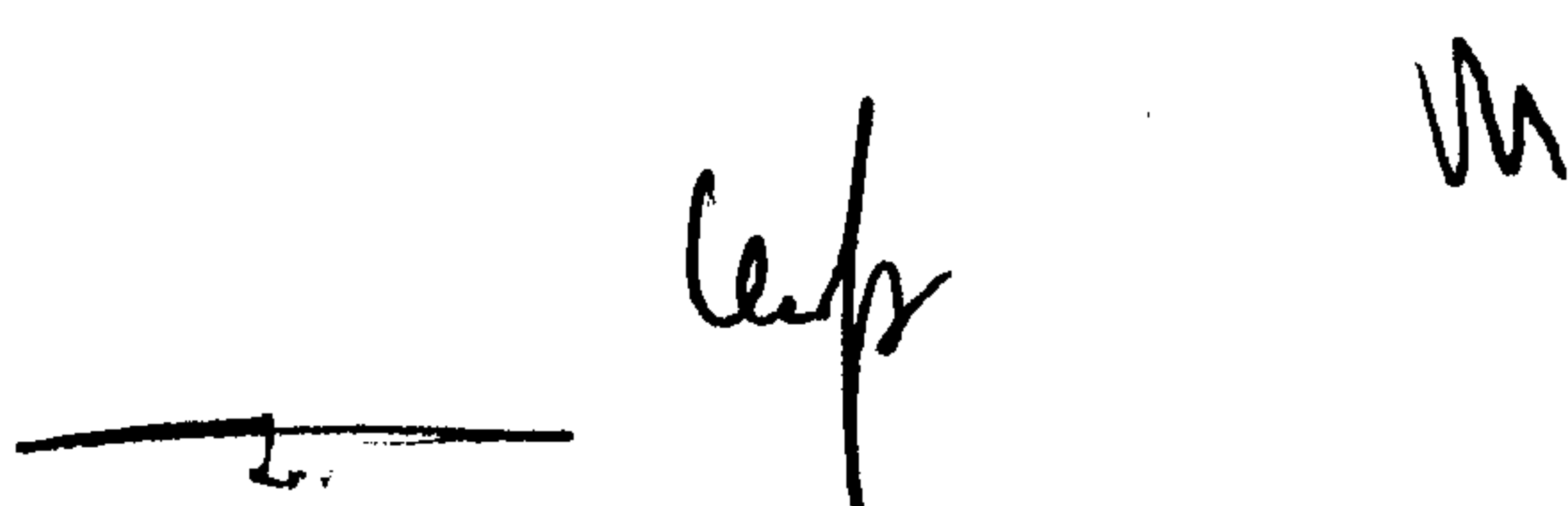
This resolves the following:

- 1) ***Motion To Release Bail Bond And Lifting Of Hold Departure Order***¹ dated August 23, 2017, filed by accused Jose Ma. I. Sarasola II, through counsel;
- 2) ***Comment [Re: Motion To Release Bail Bond and Lifting of Hold Departure Order Dated 23 August 2017]***,² filed by the prosecution, through the Office of the Special Prosecutor, Office of the Ombudsman;
- 3) ***Reply [To the Prosecutor's Comment on the Accused's Motion to Release Bail and Lifting of Hold Departure Order]***³ dated September 11, 2017, filed by accused Sarasola, through counsel;

¹ Record, Vol. 2, pp. 188-190

² Id, pp. 196-200

³ Id, pp. 201-203

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- 4) **Omnibus Motion [For The Withdrawal Of Application For Probation And Deposit Prescribed Fine]**⁴ dated October 9, 2017, filed by accused Sarasola, through counsel;
- 5) **Manifestation**⁵ dated October 12, 2017, filed by the Chief Parole and Probation Officer of Quezon City; and
- 6) **Compliance [To the Decision dated 27 July 2017]**⁶ dated October 18, 2017 filed by accused Sarasola, through counsel.

On July 22, 2017, the Court rendered a **Decision**⁷ in these cases, the dispositive portion of which reads:

“WHEREFORE, premises considered, the Court finds accused Jose Ma. Sarasola II guilty beyond reasonable doubt of **Violation of Section 52(c) of Republic Act (R.A.) No. 8291** in Criminal Cases Nos. SB-14-CRM-0054 to 0102, or for a total of forty-nine (49) counts. He is hereby sentenced to pay a fine of ₱5,000.00 in each of the 49 counts, or a total of ₱245,000.00, with subsidiary imprisonment in case of insolvency.

SO ORDERED.”⁸

In the **Compliance, etc.** dated October 18, 2017, accused Sarasola informed the Court that he already paid the fine of P245,000.00 imposed as penalty in the **Decision** dated July 27, 2017, as evidenced by Official Receipt No. 4924326 dated October 13, 2017. Hence, accused Sarasola has already satisfied and served the sentence imposed in the aforesaid **Decision**.

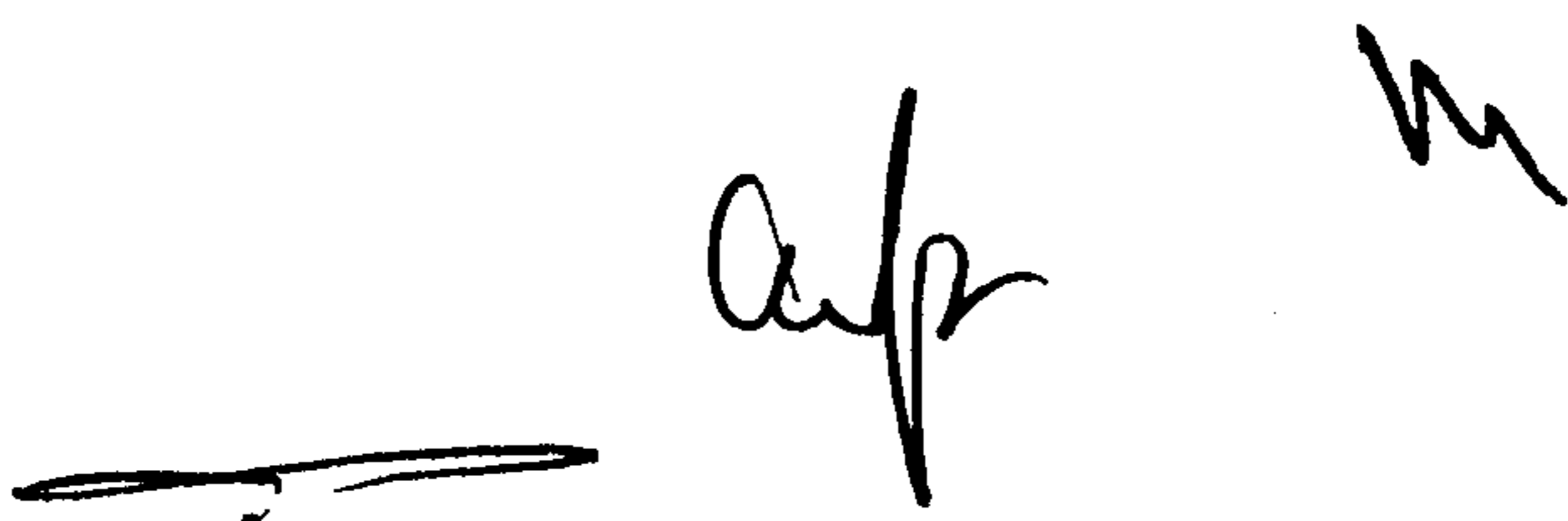
⁴ Id, pp. 213-218

⁵ Id, pp. 223-225

⁶ Id, pp. 226-229

⁷ Id, pp. 172-175

⁸ Id, p. 174

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WHEREFORE, the Court resolves as follows:

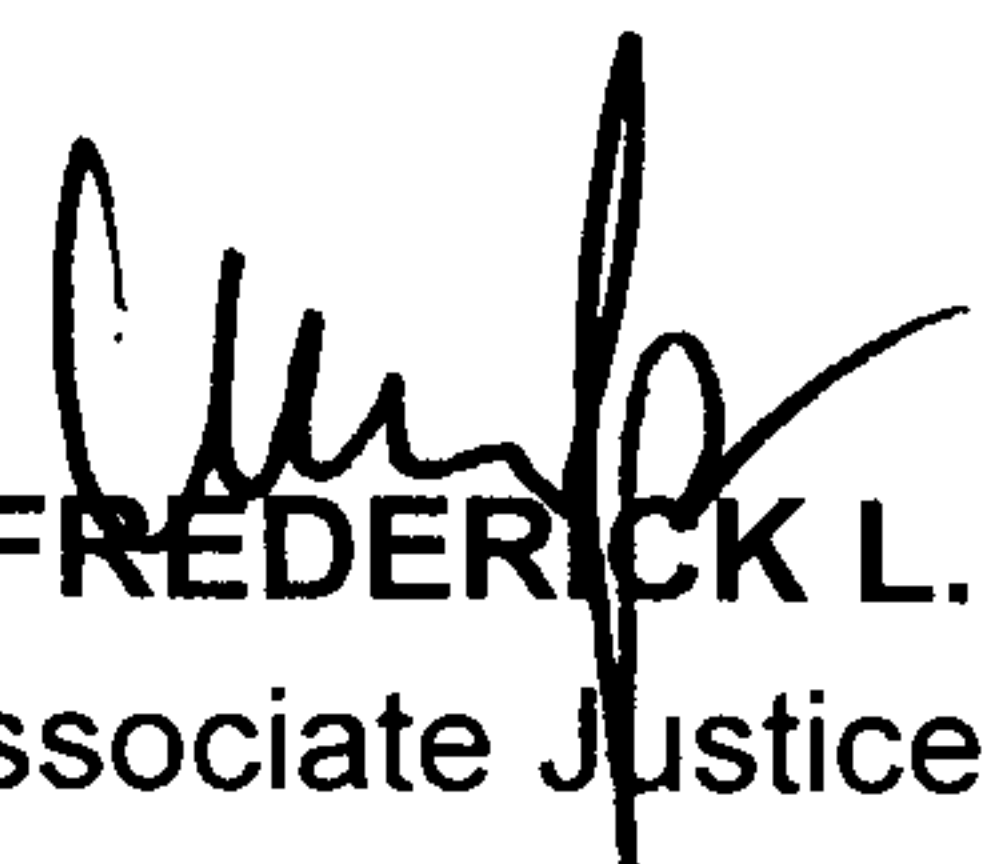
- 1) To grant the prayer for withdrawal of the application for probation of accused Jose Ma. I. Sarasola II;
- 2) To hereby authorize the release to accused Sarasola of the amount deposited as bail for his provisional liberty;
- 3) To hereby lift the Hold Departure Order issued against accused Sarasola in these cases.

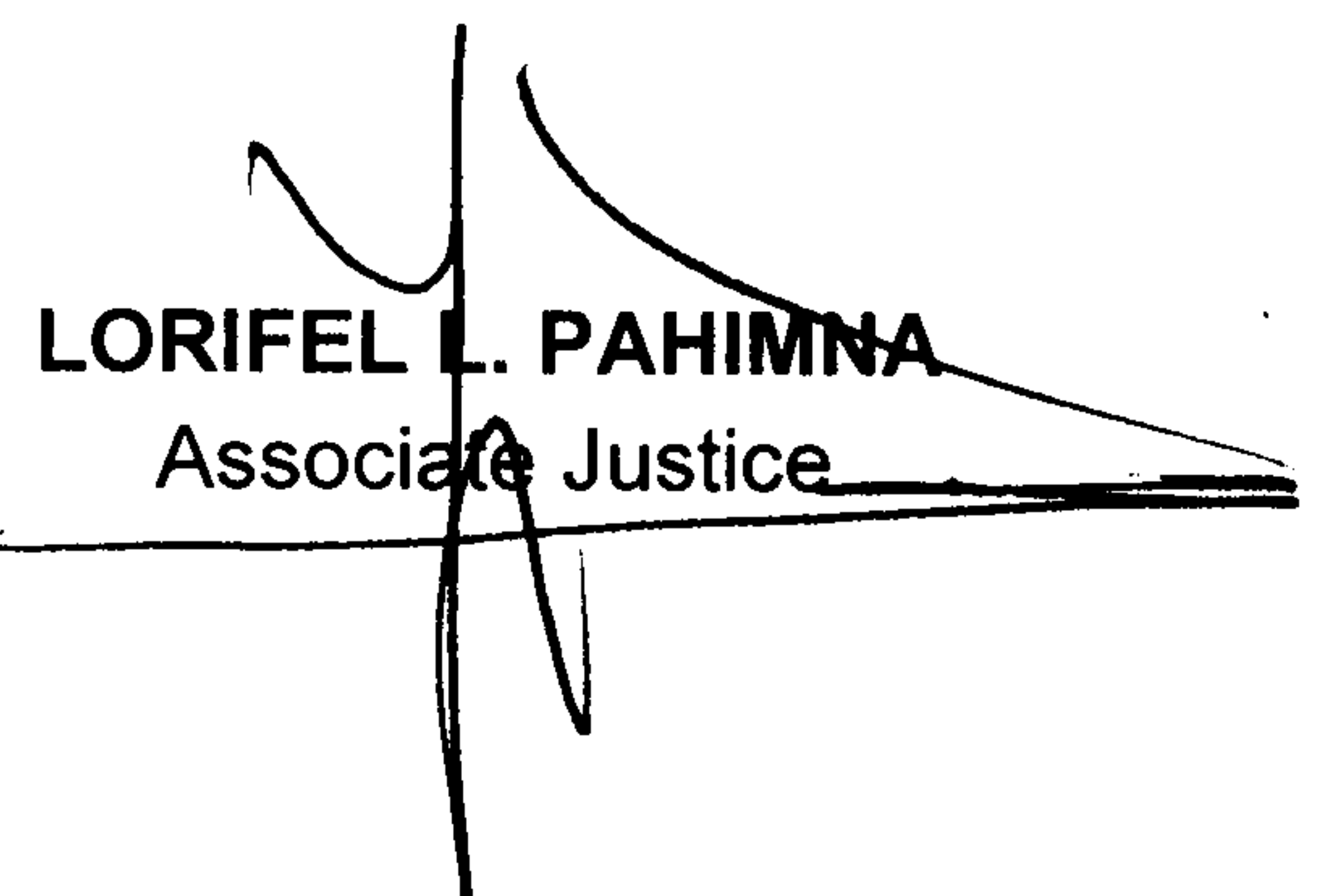
The Bureau of Immigration and Deportation (BID) is hereby ordered to remove the name of Jose Ma. I. Sarasola II from its hold departure list, as regards these cases.

SO ORDERED.


OSCAR C. HERRERA, JR.
Chairperson

We concur:


MICHAEL FREDERICK L. MUSNGI
Associate Justice


LORIFEL L. PAHIMNA
Associate Justice