



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

**Sandiganbayan**  
QUEZON CITY

**SIXTH DIVISION**

**MINUTES of the Proceedings held on May 7, 2018**

**PRESENT:**

**Hon. SARAH JANE T. FERNANDEZ** - **Chairperson**  
**Hon. KARL B. MIRANDA** - **Associate Justice**  
**Hon. ZALDY V. TRESPESES\*** - **Associate Justice**

The following resolution was adopted in the following cases:

***Crim. Cases No. 26027 and 26032 – PEOPLE VS. HILARION RAMOS, ET AL.***

This resolves the following: (1) Motion to Admit filed by accused Al Rashid Ishmael and Hilarion Ramos on December 6, 2017; (2) Comment (to the Motion to Admit Formal Offer of Exhibits for Accused Al Rashid Ishmael, et al, represented by Atty. Berardo C. Faundo, Jr. dated November 17, 2017) filed by the prosecution on December 14, 2017; (3) Ex-Parte Motion for Last Extension of Time to File Formal Offer of Documentary Evidence filed by accused Aradanas, Pagaduan and Velasco on December 21, 2017; (4) Motion for Reconsideration filed by accused Aradanas, Pagaduan, Velasco, Gurrea, and Borgonia on December 28, 2017; (5) Opposition (to the Motion for Reconsideration filed by Rodolfo Aradanas, et al. dated December 27, 2017) filed by the prosecution on December 29, 2017; (6) Motion to Admit Formal Offer of Documentary Evidence for Accused Rodolfo Pagaduan filed by the said accused on January 15, 2018; (7) Motion to Admit Formal Offer of Documentary Evidence for Accused Nelson V. Velasco filed by the said accused on January 15, 2018; and (8) Motion to Admit Formal Offer of Documentary Evidence for Accused Rodolfo U. Aradanas filed by the said accused on January 15, 2018.

The Court resolves to GRANT the Motion to Admit filed by accused Ishmael and Ramos, in the interest of justice and for the reasons stated therein, it appearing that it was filed only one (1) day late and that the said accused, along with accused Salamanca, Balagtas, Ybanez, and Acana have actually filed their Formal Offer of Exhibits for Accused on December 6, 2017.

Likewise, in the interest of justice, the Court likewise resolves to GRANT the Motion for Reconsideration filed by accused Aradanas, Pagaduan, Velasco, Gurrea, and Borgonia of the Resolution dated November 23, 2017 that considered the said accused to have waived the filing of their formal offer of exhibits. Consequently, the Court resolves to GRANT the Motion to Admit Formal Offer of Documentary Evidence for Accused Rodolfo Pagaduan, the Motion to Admit Formal Offer of Documentary Evidence for Accused Nelson V. Velasco, and the Motion to Admit Formal Offer of Documentary Evidence for Accused Rodolfo U.

\* Special Member in view of the vacancy in the Sixth Division, per Administrative Order No. 071-2018 dated February 1, 2018

Aradanas, all filed on January 15, 2018, and hereby ADMITS the Formal Offer of Documentary Evidence respectively attached to the said motions. The Court NOTES, however, that accused Gurrea and Borgonio did not file any motion to admit formal offer of exhibits, although they filed their respective Formal Offer of Documentary Evidence on December 21, 2017.

With the admission of their formal offer of exhibits and the reconsideration of the Resolution of the Court dated November 23, 2017, the Ex-Parte Motion for Last Extension of Time to File Formal Offer of Documentary Evidence filed by accused Aradanas, Pagaduan, and Velasco on December 21, 2018 is considered moot.

The Court further NOTES that accused Redulla and Palomares did not file their respective formal offer of exhibits despite the Order of the Court dated August 8, 2017, as reiterated in its Resolution dated August 25, 2017.

In view of the foregoing, the Prosecution is given a non-extendible period of ten (10) days from receipt of this Resolution to file its consolidated comment on or objection to the Formal Offer of Documentary Evidence of accused Pagaduan, Velasco, Aradanas, Gurrea, and Borgonio, as well as the Formal Offer of Exhibits of accused Ishmael, Ramos, Salamanca, Balagtas, Ybanez, and Acana. Thereafter, with or without comment/opposition, the incident shall be deemed submitted for resolution.

SO ORDERED. 

APPROVED:

FERNANDEZ, S.J., J. 

MIRANDA, J.

TRESPESES, J. 