



Republic of the Philippines
Sandiganbayan
 Quezon City

SEVENTH DIVISION

MINUTES of the proceedings held on May 25, 2018.

Present:

<i>MA. THERESA DOLORES C. GOMEZ-ESTOESTA</i>	-----	<i>Associate Justice</i>
<i>ZALDY V. TRESPESSES</i>	-----	<i>Associate Justice</i>
<i>REYNALDO P. CRUZ*</i>	-----	<i>Associate Justice</i>

The following resolution was adopted:

SB-17-CRM-1657 to 1664 – People v. Rustico Tigas De Belen, et al.

In his “VERY URGENT MOTION FOR LEAVE TO TRAVEL ABROAD” dated April 16, 2018 as clarified in his “COMPLIANCE (Re: Order dated 20 April 2018)” dated May 23, 2018, accused Rustico De Belen prays that he be allowed to travel to the Czech Republic from July 18 to 29, 2018 and to the United States of America from July 30 to August 11, 2018.¹ While in Prague, he will be staying at Kavalir Hotel with address at Plzenska, Prague, 05, Prague 1500. In America, he will be staying in 69 Wildflower Lane, Morristown, New Jersey 07960.

Over the objection of the prosecution,² the instant motion is **GRANTED**, subject to the usual terms and conditions imposed by the Court, to wit:

1. That his itinerary of travel shall cover only Slovakia, the Czech Republic and the United States of America (specifically, New Jersey and Boston);
2. That accused shall leave not earlier than July 18, 2018 and shall be back in the Philippines not later than August 11, 2018;
3. That accused shall post a travel bond in the amount of Two Hundred Forty Thousand pesos (Php 240,000.00) which shall guarantee his faithful compliance with the terms and conditions imposed herein;

* Per Admin Order No.435-2017 dated December 14, 2017.
 1 As shown from his e-ticket (Annex “G” to the COMPLIANCE).
 2 The prosecution’s “COMMENT/OPPOSITION (On the Motion to Travel)” dated April 24, 2018.

RESOLUTION

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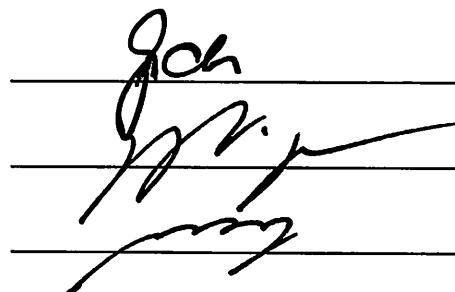
4. That within five days after accused's return to the Philippines, he shall present himself in person to the Division Clerk of Court, together with his passport and photocopies of the pages thereof indicating the stamp of his departure from, and entry or arrival in the Philippines, the photocopies to be authenticated by the Division Clerk of Court after a comparison with the original thereof, and to submit to this Court a written formal compliance with the terms and conditions of this Resolution within 15 days of his expected date of return;
5. That if, for whatever reason, the accused shall not be able to undertake the travel abroad as herein authorized, he shall, within five days from his expected date of return had he undertaken the same, nonetheless personally present himself to the Division Clerk of Court, together with photocopies of the pertinent pages of his passport bearing no stamp of departure from or entry into the Philippines during the relevant period, the same to be authenticated by the Division Clerk of Court after proper comparison with the passport itself and submitted together with an appropriate manifestation from the accused;
6. That any material misrepresentation made in his Motion to Travel shall be punished as contempt of this Court and shall be dealt with accordingly;
7. That he will abide faithfully with all his undertakings herein, such that any violation of the terms and conditions contained in this Resolution shall be sufficient ground for this Court to order the forfeiture of his travel bond, as well as to cause the issuance of a warrant for his arrest;
8. That notice of further proceedings hereon should he not return as undertaken, shall be made to him through his counsel on record; and
9. That if he fails to return as undertaken, trial will proceed as scheduled.

SO ORDERED.

GOMEZ-ESTOESTA, J.

TRESPESES, J.

CRUZ, J.



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