



In its *Comment/Opposition (Motion to Lift Hold Departure Order)*,<sup>2</sup> the prosecution counters that the *Resolution* of the Court is not yet final because they were able to file a *Petition for Certiorari* before the Supreme Court which has yet to be resolved. The prosecution claims that the timely filing of the said petition does not relieve the accused from the criminal case before the Court.

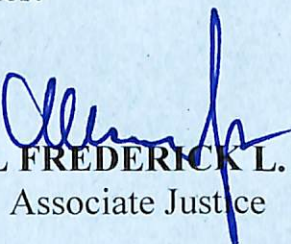
### Ruling

The *Resolution* of the Court dismissing the case for violation of the accused's right to speedy disposition of cases resulted in the acquittal of accused Roman. The Guidelines on the Issuance of Hold Departure Orders provide that whenever the accused has been acquitted or the case has been dismissed, the judgment of acquittal or order of dismissal shall include the cancellation of the Hold Departure Order. With the acquittal of accused Roman, the Hold Departure Order issued against him is no longer necessary.

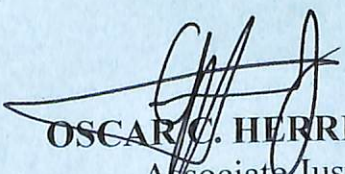
**WHEREFORE**, in light of the foregoing, the *Motion to Lift Hold Departure Order* filed by Leonardo B. Roman on 14 June 2018 is hereby **GRANTED**:

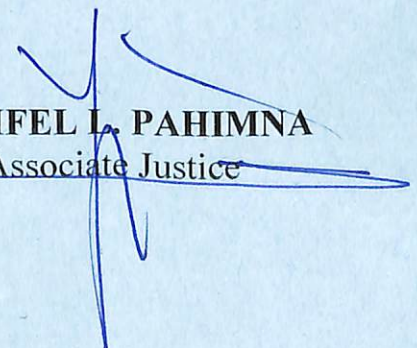
**SO ORDERED.**

Quezon City, Philippines.

  
**MICHAEL FREDERICK L. MUSNGI**  
Associate Justice

**WE CONCUR:**

  
**OSCAR C. HERRERA, JR.**  
Associate Justice  
Chairperson

  
**LORIFEL L. PAHIMNA**  
Associate Justice

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid*, pp. 29-30.