



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

Sandiganbayan

Quezon City

SIXTH DIVISION

MINUTES of the proceedings held on September 4, 2018

PRESENT:

HON. SARAH JANE T. FERNANDEZ.....Chairperson

HON. KARL B. MIRANDA.....Associate Justice

HON. KEVIN NARCE B. VIVERO.....Associate Justice

The following resolution was adopted:

SB-18-CRM-0513 –

PEOPLE vs. MANUEL D. ANDAL

Pursuant to Rule 119, Sec. 22¹ of the Rules of Court, this Court resolves to GRANT the accused’ *Omnibus Motion*,² on the matter of the consolidation of the present case with that pending before the Fourth Division of the Sandiganbayan. The prosecution interposed no objection to the accused’ Motion.³

Accordingly, let **Crim. Case No. SB-18-CRM-0513**, entitled *People of the Philippines v. Manuel D. Andal*, be CONSOLIDATED with **Crim. Case No. SB-18-CRM-0511**, which is pending before the Fourth Division of the Sandiganbayan, in accordance with Rule XII, Sec. 2(b)⁴ of the *Revised Internal Rules of the Sandiganbayan*, subject to the acceptance thereof by the Fourth Division.

The matters of the accused’ Motions for Leave to Travel Abroad and to Defer Arraignment are subjects of separate resolutions.

¹ **Sec. 22.** – Consolidation of trials of related offenses. – Charges for offenses founded on the same facts or forming part of a series of offenses of similar character may be tried jointly at the discretion of the court.

² Dated August 6, 2018 and filed on August 7, 2018

³ *Manifestation in Lieu of Comment* dated and filed on August 22, 2018

⁴ **Sec. 2. Consolidation of Cases.** – Cases arising from the same incident or series of incidents, or involving common questions of fact and law, may be consolidated in the Division to which the case bearing the lowest docket number is raffled.

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(b) After Cases Are Raffled – Should the propriety of such consolidation become apparent only after the cases are raffled, consolidation may be effected upon written motion of a litigant concerned filed with the Division taking cognizance of the case to be consolidated. If the motion is granted, consolidation shall be made to the Division in which the case with the lowest docket number is assigned. The Division to which the cases are consolidated shall transfer to the Division from which the consolidated cases came, an equivalent number of cases approximately the same age, nature and stage in the proceedings, with proper notice to the parties in said cases.

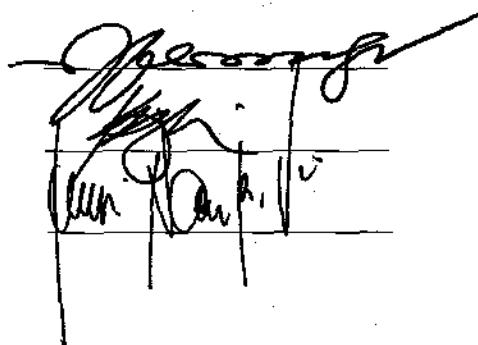
SO ORDERED.

APPROVED:

FERNANDEZ, SJ, J.,

MIRANDA, J.

VIVERO, J.

Handwritten signatures of Fernandez, SJ, J., Miranda, J., and Vivero, J. The signatures are written in black ink on a white background. The signature of Fernandez, SJ, J. is the largest and most prominent, followed by Miranda, J. and Vivero, J. below it.