



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

Sandiganbayan

Quezon City

SIXTH DIVISION

MINUTES of the proceedings held on January 28, 2019

PRESENT:

HON. SARAH JANE T. FERNANDEZ.....Chairperson
HON. MICHAEL FREDERICK L. MUSNGI*.....Associate Justice
KEVIN NARCE B. VIVERO.....Associate Justice

The following resolution was adopted:

SB-15-CRM-0252 to 0279 –

PEOPLE vs. RAUL D. PETRASANTA, ET AL.

In its *Manifestation With Motion for Additional Eleven (11) Trial Dates Instead of Eight Trial Dates*,¹ the prosecution prays that this Court set eleven (11) trial dates instead of eight (8), to complete the presentation of the witnesses for the prosecution, in view of the cancellation of the hearings on November 26 and 27, 2018 due to the unavailability of witness Mayor Jose Cuyos.

The accused opposed the prosecution’s Motion.²

This Court resolves to **PARTIALLY GRANT** the prosecution’s Motion. Let one (1) additional hearing date be set for the presentation of the prosecution’s witnesses, as a replacement for the hearing which was cancelled on November 26, 2018 because of the unavailability of witness Cuyos. However, no replacement hearing date shall be given for the cancellation of the November 27, 2018 hearing. Being aware that witness Cuyos was unavailable, the prosecution should have presented another witness.

The Court **NOTES** the prosecution’s *Manifestation*³ and the *Counter-Manifestation*⁴ of accused Regino S. Catiis.

* In view of the inhibition of J. Miranda (Per A.O. No. 179-2016 dated June 7, 2016)

¹ Dated December 12, 2018; Record, Vol. 20, pp. 433-441

² *Opposition to the Prosecution’s Motion for Additional Eleven (11) Trial Dates Dated December 12, 2018* dated January 8, 2019; Record, Vol. 21, pp. 251-253 (accused Tomas G. Rentoy III); *Comment/Objection [To Prosecution’s Manifestation With Motion for Additional Eleven (11) Trial Dates Instead of Eight Trial Dates]* dated January 10, 2019; Record, Vol. 21, pp. 295-296 (accused Nelson L. Bautista and Ricardo S. Zapata, Jr.); and *Joint Opposition to the Prosecution’s Motion for Additional Hearing Dates* dated and filed by registered mail on January 9, 2019 (accused Ricky C. Sumalde, Randy De Sesto, Nora Pirote, Sol Bargan and Eric Tan)

³ Dated December 5, 2018; Record, Vol. 20, pp. 417-422

⁴ Dated January 3, 2019; Record, Vol. 21, pp. 247-249

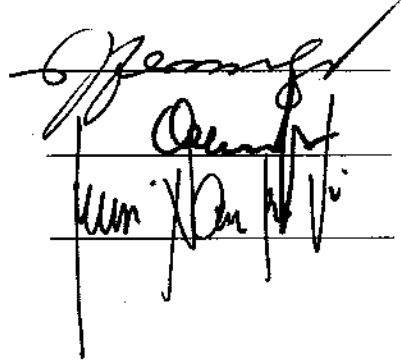
SO ORDERED.

APPROVED:

FERNANDEZ, SJ, J.,

MUSNGI, J.

VIVERO, J.



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