

Republic of the Philippines
SANDIGANBAYAN
Quezon City

SIXTH DIVISION

MINUTES of the proceedings held on March 7, 2019.

PRESENT:

HON. SARAH JANE T. FERNANDEZ Chairperson
HON. KEVIN NARCE B. VIVERO Associate Justice
HON. BERNELITO R. FERNANDEZ* Associate Justice

The following resolution was adopted:

SB-17-CRM-0030 - PEOPLE vs. GERARDO PAAT VERZOSA

This resolves the *Motion to Admit Formal Offer of Defense Exhibits*¹ filed on February 28, 2019 by accused Gerardo Paat Verzosa. In his *Motion to Admit*, accused Verzosa explains that he was not able to file the *Formal Offer of Evidence* on time because “it took so many hours to reproduce the exhibits being offered and equally worse, there was heavy traffic along Quezon Avenue, xxx”

The prosecution filed its *Motion to Expunge Accused's Formal Offer of Defense Exhibits*² on March 5, 2019. In its *Motion to Expunge*, the prosecution argued that the filing of the of accused' Formal Offer of Exhibits was three (3) days late, and, that majority of the exhibits offered by accused Verzosa were not attached to his Formal Offer of Exhibits.

The Court will treat the *Motion to Expunge* as the prosecution's comment/opposition to accused Verzosa's *Motion to Admit Formal Offer of Defense Exhibits*.

In the higher interest of substantial justice, the Court **GRANTS** accused Verzosa's *Motion to Admit*.

The Court **NOTES** and admits the prosecution's *Comment/Objections Ad Cautelam (Re: Accused's Formal Offer of Defense Exhibits)* attached to the *Motion to Expunge*.³

* Per Administrative Order No. 023-2017 dated January 31, 2017, Special Member in view of the inhibition of J. Karl B. Miranda.

¹ Dated February 27, 2019.

² Dated March 4, 2019.

³ Annex A.

With the *Comment/Objections Ad Cautelam (Re: Accused's Formal Offer of Defense Exhibits)* filed by the prosecution, the *Formal Offer of Defense Exhibits* filed by accused Verzosa, is now submitted for resolution.

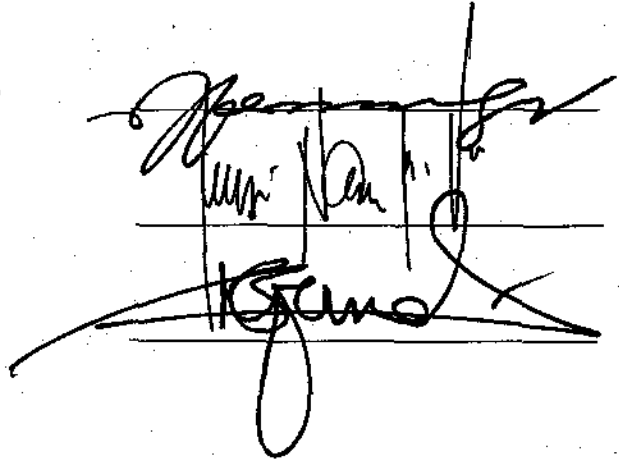
SO ORDERED.

APPROVED:

FERNANDEZ, SJ, J., *Chairperson*

VIVERO, J.,

FERNANDEZ, B, J.

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