

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES SANDIGANBAYAN QUEZON CITY

Second Division

MINUTES of the proceedings held on March 26, 2024.

Present:

Hon. OSCAR C. HERRERA, JR. Chairperson/Associate Justice

Hon. **EDGARDO M. CALDONA** Associate Justice Hon. **ARTHUR O. MALABAGUIO** Associate Justice

The following resolution was adopted in:

Criminal Cases 24479 to 24489 People vs. Sulpicio P. Legaspi, et al.

Record shows that on September 21, 2023, the Malaki Santiago-Malaki Law Office, representing the heirs of accused Lourdes R. Plaza, filed a *Notice of Appearance With Motion* dated September 18, 2023 informing the Court that accused Plaza passed away on September 8, 2022 in Davao City, attaching thereto a photocopy of the Certificate of Death of said accused and praying that the cases be dismissed as against her.

On September 22, 2023, the Court issued a *Resolution* giving the prosecution a period of twenty (20) days from notice within which to file its comment on the *Notice of Appearance With Motion*. The period has long expired but the prosecution has not filed any comment.

WHEREFORE, these cases are hereby dismissed as against accused Lourdes R. Plaza by reason of death, conformably with *Article 89, par. 1 of the Revised Penal Code*.

Approved:

HERRERA, JR., J.

CALDONA, J.

MALABAGUIO, J.