

PEOPLE OF THE PHILIPPINES, Plaintiff,

versus -

CRIMINAL CASE NOS. SB-17-CRM-1785 to 1804

ABDULLAH ABDULRAHMAN CAMPONG a.k.a. HADJI ABDULLAH ABDULRAHMAN CAMPONG/ ABDULLAH ABDULRAHMAN CAMPONG AI Haj, ET AL.,

Accused.

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ORDER

This afternoon, the prosecution as well as Atty. Xilexferen P. Barroga appeared in Court while Accused Onofre Gandola Natividad appeared via remote.

The parties manifested that they have arrived at a plea bargaining agreement as approved by the Office of the Ombudsman and moved to withdraw the former plea of "Not Guilty." As prayed for, the same is hereby **GRANTED**. Let his former plea of "Not Guilty" be deemed **WITHDRAWN**. Hence, the re-arraignment proceeded.

Upon re-arraignment, Atty. Barroga moved to waive the reading of the twenty (20) Informations consisting of Criminal Case Nos. 1785 to 1792 as well as 1793 to 1804 and the accused was informed of the nature of the accusations against him as well as the legal consequences of such waiver and entered a plea of "Guilty" to the charges in Criminal Case Nos. 1785 to 1792.

In Criminal Case Nos. 1793 to 1804, accused pleaded "Guilty" to the lesser offense of Frauds Against the Public Treasury and Similar Offenses under Article 213, Paragraph 2 of the Revised Penal Code.

Let his pleas of "Guilty" be entered into the criminal docket of the Court.

Wherefore, the Court **FINDS** accused Onofre Gandola Natividad **GUILTY** beyond reasonable doubt of the lesser offense of Frauds Against the Public Treasury and Similar Offenses under Article 213 of the Revised Penal Code and imposes a fine of Twenty-six Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-two Pesos and Sixty-four Centavos (Php26,852.64) for each Information with an aggregate amount of Two Hundred Twelve Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-one Pesos and Twelve Centavos (Php212,661.12). Insofar as the Informations in Criminal Cases 1793 to 1804, the Court imposes a fine of Five Thousand Pesos (Php5,000.00) for each count with an aggregate amount of Sixty Thousand Pesos (Php60,000.00), with the specific consent from the Public Prosecutor.

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As prayed for, accused Natividad through Atty. Barroga is given until tomorrow to pay the said fine.

Parties are reminded to sign the Waiver of Reading of Informations.

SO ORDERED.

Given in Open Court this 29th day of June 2022, Quezon City, Philippines.

ALEX L. QUIROZ

Chairperson Associate Justice

BAYANI H. JACINTO Associate Justice

GEORGINA D. HIDALGO*
Associate Justice

ATTESTATION

I attest that the conclusion in the above decision were reached in consultation before the case was assigned to the writer of the opinion of the Court's Division.

Chairperson, Fourth Division

CERTIFICATION

Pursuant to Article VIII, Section 13 of the Constitution, and the Division Chairperson's Attestation, it is hereby certified that the conclusions in the above decision were reached in consultation before the case was assigned to the writer of the opinion of the Court's Division.

AMPARO M. CABOTAJE-TANG