

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES SANDIGANBAYAN

Quezon City

SECOND DIVISION

PEOPLE OF THE PHILIPPINES, Plaintiff,

- versus -

CRIM. CASE NO. SB-22-CRM-0194

ANGELO TIMOTEO P. MOLINA

Accused.

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DECISION

Accused Angelo Timoteo P. Molina is charged before this Court with Violation of Article 218 of the Revised Penal Code, or Failure of Accountable Officer to Render Accounts, in relation to Section 89 of Presidential Decree (P.D.) No. 1445 (Government Auditing Code of the Philippines, under an Information dated July 12, 2022, the accusatory portion of which reads as follows:

"That on March 2007, or sometime prior or subsequent thereto, in Camarines Norte, Philippines, and within the jurisdiction of this Honorable Court, the above-named accused, Angelo Timoteo P. Molina, a public officer, being then the Ex-Officio Member of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Camarines Norte, and as such was accountable for public funds in the amount of TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED SEVENTY ONE PESOS (PHP25,571.00), representing cash advances he received for his local official travels, taking advantage of his official position and committing the offense in relation to his office, did then and there, willfully and feloniously, fail to liquidate and account for said amount, within the period required by law, to the damage and prejudice of the government.

CONTRARY TO LAW."

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Upon being arraigned today, accused Molina, assisted by counsel, Atty. Ester Azurin, after being informed of the nature and cause of the accusation against him, the *Information* having been read to him in open court, pleaded guilty to the charge.

WHEREFORE, premises considered, the Court finds accused Angelo Timoteo P. Molina guilty beyond reasonable doubt of Violation of Article 218 of the Revised Penal Code, in relation to Section 89 of Presidential Decree No. 1445, or Government Auditing Code of the Philippines. He is hereby sentenced to pay a fine of Php1,000.00. The Court also finds accused Molina civilly liable and is hereby ordered to pay to the Provincial Government of Camarines Norte the amount of Php25,571.00.

SO ORDERED.

Given this 7th day of December 2022, Quezon City, Philippines.

OSCAR C. HERRERA, JR.

Associate Justice Chairperson

ARTHUR O MALABAGUIO

ssociate Justice

ALDY V. TRESPESES*

Associate Justice

*Sitting as Special Member per Administrative Order No. 270-2022 dated December 5, 2022.

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ATTESTATION

I attest 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.

OSCAR CHERRERA, JR.

Chairperson
Second Division

CERTIFICATION

Pursuant to Article VIII, Section 13 of the Constitution and the Division Chairman'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

Presiding Justice