



Republic of the Philippines

Sandiganbayan

Quezon City

SECOND DIVISION

PEOPLE OF THE PHILIPPINES,
Plaintiff,

~ versus ~

CRIM. CASE NO. SB-22-CRM-0197
For: Violation of Article 218 of the
Penal Revised Code

WILFREDO BRIÑAS PRILLES, JR.,
Accused,

Present:
Herrera, Jr. J. *Chairperson*
Caldona, J. &
Malabaguio, J.

Promulgated:
January 13, 2023 ant

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DECISION

Accused Wilfredo Briñas Prilles, Jr. is charged before the Court with *Violation of Article 218 of the Revised Penal Code, or Failure of Accountable Officer to Render Account*, under an *Information* dated February 8, 2019, the accusatory portion of which reads as follows:

That on March 2013 or sometime prior or subsequent thereto in Naga City, Camarines Sur, Philippines, and within the jurisdiction of this Honorable Court, the above-named accused, Wilfredo B. Prilles, Jr., a public officer, being the City Government Department head II of the City of Planning and Development Office, Naga City, Camarines Sur, committing the offense in relation to his office, did then and there willfully, unlawfully and feloniously fail to render an accounting of the cash advance in the amount of FOUR HUNDRED FORTY SEVEN THOUSAND PESOS (Php.447,000.00), which he received in December 2011 as funds for Naga City's Community Based Monitoring System (CBMS) project, for a period of two (2) months after said account should have been rendered on January 31, 2013 pursuant to Commission on Audit (COA) Circular No. 2012-04, to the damage and prejudice of public interest.

When the case was called today for the arraignment of accused Prilles, the said accused, assisted by his counsel Atty. Khristian Damielle A. Jamer, after being informed of the nature and cause of the accusation against him, the *Information* having read to him in English, a language which he understands, pleaded guilty to the charge.

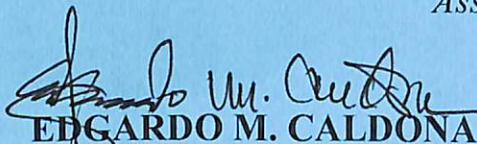
WHEREFORE, the Court finds accused Wilfredo Briñas Prilles, Jr. guilty beyond reasonable doubt of *Violation of Article 218 of the Revised Penal Code*, or *Failure of Accountable Officer to Render Account*. He is hereby sentenced to pay a fine of One Thousand pesos (Php.1,000.00).

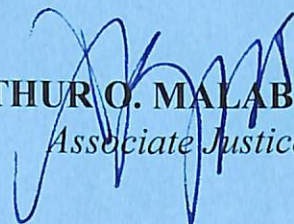
Accused Prilles informed the Court that he has already settled the civil aspect of the case and this was confirmed by the prosecution.

SO ORDERED.

GIVEN IN OPEN COURT this 13th day of January 2023, Quezon City, Philippines.



OSCAR C. HERRERA, JR.
Chairperson
Associate Justice


EDGARDO M. CALDONA
Associate Justice


ARTHUR O. MALABAGUIO
Associate Justice

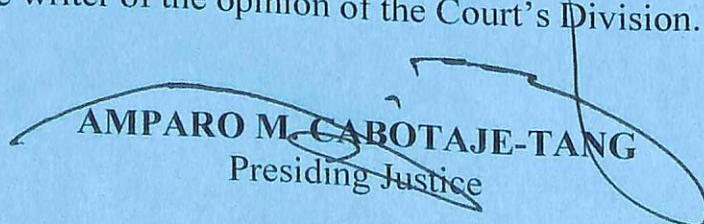
ATTESTATION

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


OSCAR C. HERRERA, 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