



Republic of the Philippines  
*Sandiganbayan*  
 Quezon City

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SEVENTH DIVISION

*MINUTES of the proceedings held on January 14, 2021.*

*Present:*

<i>MA. THERESA DOLORES C. GOMEZ-ESTOESTA -----</i>	<i>Chairperson</i>
<i>ZALDY V. TRESPESES -----</i>	<i>Associate Justice</i>
<i>GEORGINA D. HIDALGO -----</i>	<i>Associate Justice</i>

*The following resolution was adopted:*

***SB-18-CRM-0340 – People v. Isidoro E. Real, Jr., et al.***

The prosecution’s “MANIFESTATION”<sup>1</sup> dated December 24, 2020 with attached PSA copy of the Certificate of Death of accused Abundio Ebol Bernardo, Jr. is **NOTED** and is deemed sufficient compliance with the Resolution of the Court dated September 16, 2020. Accordingly, considering the confirmation of the death of accused Bernardo, Jr. made by the prosecution, the “MOTION TO DISMISS CASE AGAINST ACCUSED BERNARDO AND TO RELEASE CASH BOND” dated September 15, 2020 filed by Atty. Floyd P. Lalwet, counsel for accused Bernardo, Jr., is **GRANTED**. SB-19-CRM-0340 is thus **DISMISSED** as against accused **Abundio E. Bernardo, Jr.** pursuant to Article 89 of the Revised Penal Code. As prayed for, the cash bond<sup>2</sup> of Php 30,000.00 posted by accused Abundio, Jr. for his provisional liberty may now be withdrawn by his widow, Mrs. Juliana Q. Bernardo,<sup>3</sup> subject to the usual accounting rules and procedure.

**SO ORDERED.**<sup>ip</sup>

**GOMEZ-ESTOESTA, J.,** *Chairperson*

**TRESPESES, J.**

**HIDALGO, J.**

<sup>1</sup> Electronically filed on December 24, 2020 while the hard copy with attached PSA copy of the Certificate of Death of Abundio E. Bernardo was received through courier service on January 6, 2021 and subjected first to a storage period of one week to effect natural disinfection.

<sup>2</sup> Paid under O.R. No. 5785319C dated May 24, 2018 to the Regional Trial Court of Zamboanga City. The original Official Receipt shall be transmitted to the address of accused Bernardo, Jr. on record together with herein Resolution.

<sup>3</sup> The Court notes the copy of a Marriage Contract between Abundio E. Bernardo, Jr. and Juliana Quidilla attached as Annex “B” to the Motion.