

SEVENTH DIVISION

MINUTES of the proceedings held on September 21, 2022.

Present:

Justice MA. THERESA DOLORES C. GOMEZ-ESTOESTA ----- Chairperson Justice ZALDY V. TRESPESES ------ Member Justice GEORGINA D. HIDALGO ------ Member

The following resolution was adopted:

CRIMINAL CASE NO. SB-12-CRM-0164 to 0167-

PEOPLE V. JESUS A. VERZOSA, ET. AL.

This resolves the following:

1. Atty. Jose Miguel T. Arroyo's "**MOTION TO DISMISS**" dated August 12, 2022;¹

In his *Motion to Dismiss*, Atty. Arroyo manifested that the Supreme Court issued a Resolution dated December 1, 2021 in *Jose Miguel T. Arroyo vs. The Hon. Sandiganbayan-Fifth Division and the People of the Philippines*, the dispositive portion of which states:

WHEREFORE, premises considered, the Motion for Reconsideration filed by petitioner Jose Miguel T. Arroyo is hereby GRANTED. The Sandiganbayan is ORDERED to drop petitioner Jose Miguel T. Arroyo from the Information filed in the criminal case docketed as SB-12-CRM-0164 at any stage of the proceedings.

SO ORDERED.

While a certified true copy of the Resolution was attached to the *Motion* to *Dismiss*, the court could only take note of the same as it was yet to receive the Entry of Judgment itself.²

On September 19, 2022, the court recognized in open court that it has received a certified true copy of the Entry of Judgment in G.R. No. 210488 (Arroyo vs. The Hon. Sandiganbayan – Fifth Division and The People), which reads in part:

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¹ Records, Vol. 33, pp. 88-93.

² Order dated September 5, 2022; Records, Vol. 33, pp. 212-214.

This is to certify that the Court on <u>January 27, 2020</u>, a decision rendered in the above-entitled case was filed in this Office, the dispositive part of which reads as follows:

"WHEREFORE, the Petition for Certiorari is **DISMISSED**. The Sandiganbayan's August 15, 2013 and November 6, 2013 Resolutions in relation to Criminal Case No. SB-12-0164 are **AFFIRMED**.

SO ORDERED.

This is to further certify that the Court on <u>December 1, 2021</u>, adopted a resolution, the dispositive part of which reads as follows:

"WHEREFORE, premises considered, the Motion for Reconsideration filed by petitioner Jose Miguel T. Arroyo is hereby **GRANTED**. The Sandiganbayan is **ORDERED** to drop petitioner Jose Miguel T. Arroyo from the Information filed in the criminal case docketed as SB-12-CRM-0164 at any stage of the proceedings.

SO ORDERED.

and that the same has, on <u>July 21, 2022</u> become final and executory and is hereby recorded in the Book of Entries of Judgments.

Manila, Philippines.

WHEREFORE, in compliance with the Resolution dated December 1, 2021 of the Supreme Court in G.R. No. 210488, the name Jose Miguel T. Arroyo is ordered **DROPPED** from the Information under *Criminal Case No. SB-12-CRM-0164*. The charge filed against him in *Criminal Case No. SB-12-CRM-0164* for *Violation of Section 3 (e) of R.A. 3019* is necessarily ordered **DISMISSED**.

The cash bond posted by Atty. Jose Miguel T. Arroyo for his provisional liberty is ordered **RELEASED** to him or his duly authorized representative, subject to accounting and auditing procedure. The Hold Departure Order issued against him has already been ordered recalled by Order dated June 1, 2022.³

SO ORDERED.

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³ Records, Vol. 32, pp. 350-351.

GOMEZ-ESTOESTA, J., Chairperson

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