



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
Sandiganbayan
 QUEZON CITY

SIXTH DIVISION

MINUTES of the Proceedings held on September 1, 2022

PRESENT:

Hon. SARAH JANE T. FERNANDEZ	-	Chairperson
Hon. KEVIN NARCE B. VIVERO	-	Associate Justice
Hon. RONALD B. MORENO*	-	Associate Justice

The following resolution was adopted in the following cases:

Crim. Cases No. SB-22-CRM-0114 to 0116- PEOPLE VS. MATEO G. MONTAÑO, ET AL.

In their *Manifestation*,¹ Attys. Virlynn Rose R. Ramirez and Maria Leonila B. Villegas of Burkley and Aquino Law Office, which represented accused Montaño in other cases before the Second and Third Divisions of the Sandiganbayan, informed the Court that accused Montaño has passed away. They submitted a photocopy of a Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) issued copy of *Certificate of Death* No. 2022-07761 of a certain Mateo Gelito Montaño who passed away on May 27, 2022.

In its *Compliance*,² the prosecution confirmed the death of accused Mateo G. Montaño on May 27, 2022, and submitted a PSA issued *Certificate of Death* with Registry No. 2022-07761 of a certain Mateo Gelito Montaño, who passed away on May 27, 2022 in Sta. Cruz, Manila.

In view thereof, it appears that the death of accused MATEO GELITO MONTAÑO has been sufficiently established.

WHEREFORE, pursuant to Article 89 of the *Revised Penal Code*, the cases against accused MATEO G. MONTAÑO are hereby ordered **DISMISSED**, without prejudice to the filing of a separate civil action against his estate, should circumstances warrant.

The *Hold Departure Order* dated June 20, 2022 issued against Mateo G. Montaño is hereby **LIFTED**. Let a copy of this *Resolution* be furnished the Bureau of Immigration.

SO ORDERED.

APPROVED:

FERNANDEZ, S.J., J., Chairperson
VIVERO, J.
MORENO J.

* Special Member in view of the inhibition of Justice Karl B. Miranda, per Administrative Order No. 136-2022 dated June 20, 2022

¹ Dated July 28, 2022; filed personally on even date.

² Dated August 30, 2022; filed on even date through electronic mail and personal filing.