



**REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES**

**Sandiganbayan**

**Quezon City**

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**FIRST DIVISION**

MINUTES of the proceedings held on May 2, 2023

PRESENT:

**Hon. EFREN N. DE LA CRUZ** - - - - - **Chairperson**  
**Hon. GERALDINE FAITH A. ECONG** - - - - - **Associate Justice**  
**Hon. ARTHUR O. MALABAGUIO\*** - - - - - **Associate Justice**

The following resolution was adopted in the following case/s:

**CRIMINAL CASE NOS. 25782 to 25788 – PEOPLE OF THE PHILIPPINES v. ANTONIO P. BELICENA, et. al.**

For resolution are accused Belicena’s *Motion to Dismiss and to Release Bail Bond*, dated September 20, 2022, and accused Belicena’s *Supplemental Motion to Release Bail Bond (With Prayer to Release Bail Bond to Maria Joy Belicena De Asis Authorized Representative of the Heirs of Antonio P. Belicena)*, dated February 23, 2023. On March 15, 2023, the Court issued a resolution ordering the prosecution to comment on the above motions of the heirs of the accused. The prosecution, through its *Comment [on the “Motion to Dismiss and to Release the Bail Bond” dated September 20, 2023, and the “Supplemental Motion to Release Bail Bond (with prayer to Release Bail Bond to Maria Joy Belicena De Asis Authorized Representative of the Heirs of Antonio P. Belicena)” dated February 23, 2023]*, dated April 20, 2023, interposed no objection to the motions.

Having been archived on March 11, 2014, these cases are hereby **REVIVED** as to accused Belicena. The death of accused Belicena having been sufficiently established, these cases are hereby **DISMISSED** on account of his death, pursuant to Article 89 of the Revised Penal Code.

Given that the heirs of accused Belicena have stated that they are the sole heirs of accused Belicena, and there is a Special Power of Attorney executed in favor of Maria Joy Belicena De Asis, let the cash bond posted by accused Belicena under Official Receipt No. 1661760, dated January 26, 2000, in the amount of ₱90,000.00 be **RELEASED TO MARIA JOY BELICENA DE ASIS**, as the designated heir to receive the same, subject to the usual accounting and auditing procedures.

Furnish copy hereof to the Cashier and Accounting Sections for their information and implementation.

SO ORDERED *J*

**APPROVED:**

**DE LA CRUZ, J.** Chairperson

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**ECONG, J.**

\_\_\_\_\_ *Geraldine Faith Econg*

**MALABAGUIO, J.**

\_\_\_\_\_ *Arthur O. Malabaguio*

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\* Sitting as Special Member per Adm. Order No. 173-A-2022, dated August 2, 2022.