

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
 SUPREME COURT
 Manila
 SECOND DIVISION

NOTICE

Sirs/Mesdames:

Please take notice that the Court, Second Division, issued a Resolution dated **14 October 2019** which reads as follows:

"G.R. No. 248482 – Edgardo Bernardino y Paaz a.k.a. Wowie vs. People of the Philippines

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After a review of the records, the Court resolves to DENY the petition for failure of petitioner to sufficiently show that the Court of Appeals (CA) committed any reversible error in its Decision dated 14 March 2019 and Resolution dated 15 July 2019, to warrant the exercise of the Court's appellate jurisdiction.

As correctly ruled by the CA, the prosecution's evidence clearly established the guilt of the petitioner for the offense of lascivious conduct under Section 5(b) of RA No. 7610. Nevertheless, the civil indemnity and damages imposed upon the petitioner should be modified, in keeping with current jurisprudence.¹ Petitioner is ordered to pay AAA, the amounts of P50,000.00 as civil indemnity, P50,000.00 as moral damages, P50,000.00 as exemplary damages, and P15,000.00 fine, all with legal interest at the rate of six percent (6%) per annum from the date of finality of this resolution until full payment.

WHEREFORE, the Decision dated 14 March 2019 and Resolution dated 15 July 2019 of the CA in CA-G.R. CR. NO. 40786 are **AFFIRMED** with **MODIFICATIONS** in that Edgardo Bernardino y Paaz is ordered to pay AAA, the amounts of P50,000.00 as civil indemnity, P50,000.00 as moral damages, P50,000.00 as exemplary damages, and P15,000.00 fine, all with legal interest at the rate of six percent (6%) per annum from the date of finality of this resolution until full payment.

¹ *People v. Tulagan*, G.R. No. 227363, 12 March 2019.

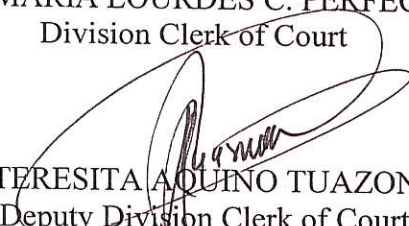
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SO ORDERED.”

Very truly yours,

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*with copy of CA Decision dated 14 March 2019
and Resolution dated 15 July 2019
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