

## Republic of the Philippines Supreme Court Manila

### **THIRD DIVISION**

# SUPREME COURT OF THE PHILIPPINES PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE JAN 1 4 2021 BY: HEJICI TIME: S:25 PM

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Sirs/Mesdames:

Please take notice that the Court, Third Division, issued a Resolution dated March 4, 2020, which reads as follows:

"G.R. No. 248427 (PEOPLE OF THE PHILIPPINES, plaintiffappellee v. JACKIELYN NARRIDO y FERRER a.k.a. "CELINE DELOS SANTOS y CRUZ" and CELSO DE ROSAS y DALAG, *defendant-appellants*). — The Court of Appeals elevated the records of this case to this Court on July 30,  $2019^1$  pursuant to its May 27, 2019 Resolution,<sup>2</sup> which gave due course to the Notice of Appeal<sup>3</sup> filed by accused-appellants Jackielyn Narrido y Ferrer a.k.a. "Celine Delos Santos y Cruz" and Celso De Rosas y Dalag.

In its October 2, 2019 Resolution,<sup>4</sup> this Court noted the records of this case forwarded by the Court of Appeals and required the parties to file their respective supplemental briefs.

On January 15, 2020, accused-appellants filed a Manifestation<sup>5</sup> stating that they would no longer file a supplemental brief and would instead adopt its appellant's brief filed with the Court of Appeals. On the other hand, the Office of the Solicitor General filed its Supplemental Appellee's Brief<sup>6</sup> on February 13, 2020.

After an evaluation of the records of this case, this Court resolves to **DISMISS** the appeal of accused-appellants for their failure to sufficiently show reversible error in the assailed Court of Appeals Decision<sup>7</sup> warranting the exercise of this Court's appellate jurisdiction.

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Id. at pp. 48-71.

*Rollo*, p. 1.

Id.

*Rollo*, pp. 31–32. *Rollo*, pp. 20–21.

Id. at pp. 38-40.

*Rollo*, pp. 4–22. The Decision dated March 21, 2019 was penned by Associate Justice Apolinario D. Bruselas, Jr., and concurred with by Associate Justices Myra V. Garcia-Fernandez and Geraldine C. Fiel-Macaraig.

WHEREFORE, the findings of fact and conclusions of law of the Court of Appeals are AFFIRMED. Accused-appellant JACKIELYN F. NARRIDO and CELSO D. DE ROSAS are found GUILTY beyond reasonable doubt of *Trafficking in Persons* under Section 4(a) of R.A. No. 9208, as amended, and are sentenced to suffer the penalty of imprisonment of twenty (20) years with a fine of  $\mathbb{P}1,000,000.00$ . They are also **DIRECTED** to pay the victim, AAA,  $\mathbb{P}100,000.00$  as moral damages, and  $\mathbb{P}100,000.00$  as exemplary damages.<sup>8</sup> These amounts shall earn interest at the rate of six percent (6%) per annum from the date of finality of this Resolution until fully paid.<sup>9</sup>

#### SO ORDERED."

Very truly yours,

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People v. Jugueta, 783 Phil. 806 (2016) [Per J. Peralta, En Banc]. See Nacar v. Gallery Frames, 716 Phil. 267 (2013) [Per J. Peralta, En Banc].