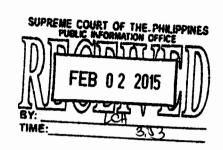


Republic of the Philippines Supreme Court Manila

FIRST DIVISION

NOTICE



Sirs/Mesdames:

Please take notice that the Court, First Division, issued a Resolution dated November 10, 2014 which reads as follows:

"G.R. No. 208766 (People of the Philippines v. Gwalberto Dayalo y Derecho). - After a judicious perusal of the records, the Court resolves to DISMISS the appeal for failure to sufficiently show that the Court of Appeals (CA) committed any reversible error in its assailed Decision as to warrant the exercise of the Court's appellate jurisdiction.

WHEREFORE, the Court ADOPTS the findings of fact and conclusions of law in the March 26, 2013 Decision¹ of the CA in CA-G.R. CR HC No. 05274 and AFFIRMS said Decision finding accused-appellant Gwalberto Dayalo y Derecho GUILTY beyond reasonable doubt of the crime of Simple Rape² in violation of paragraph 1 (b), Article 266-A of the Revised Penal Code, sentencing him to suffer the penalty of *reclusion perpetua*, without eligibility for parole, and to pay the following amounts: (a) \clubsuit 50,000.00 as civil indemnity; (b) \clubsuit 50,000.00 as moral damages; and (c) \clubsuit 30,000.00 as exemplary damages, plus legal interest of six percent (6%) *per annum* on all amounts imposed from the finality of this judgment until full payment.

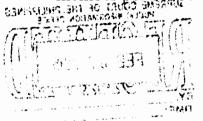
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Rollo, pp. 2-20. Penned by Associate Justice Marlene Gonzales-Sison with Associate Justices Michael P. Elbinias and Edwin D. Sorongon, concurring.

The qualifying circumstance of knowingly taking advantage of the victim's mental retardation cannot be appreciated in this instance as the same was not sufficiently alleged in the criminal information. (See *People v. Monticalvo*, G.R. No. 193507, January 30, 2013, 689 SCRA 715, 738.)

SO ORDERED." SERENO, C.J., on official travel; DEL CASTILLO, J., acting member per S.O. No. 1862 dated November 4, 2014. BERSAMIN, J., on official travel; VELASCO, JR., J., acting member per S.O. No. 1870 dated November 4, 2014.



Very truly yours,

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