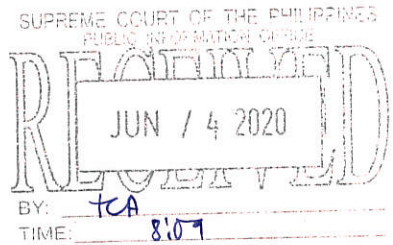




REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
SUPREME COURT  
Manila

SECOND DIVISION



**NOTICE**

Sirs/Mesdames:

*Please take notice that the Court, Second Division, issued a Resolution dated 24 February 2020 which reads as follows:*

“G.R. No. 236546 (*People of the Philippines v. Estanislao Medoranda y Gayondata*). – The Court resolves to: (a) **NOTE** and **ACCEPT** the compliance dated January 28, 2020 by the Office of the Solicitor General with the show cause Resolution dated October 1, 2019, with attached manifestation (in lieu of supplemental brief); (b) **NOTE** aforesaid manifestation (in lieu of supplemental brief) dated January 28, 2020, dispensing with the filing of supplemental brief, since the appellee’s brief filed before the Court of Appeals (CA) had sufficiently ventilated appellee’s legal position for purposes of this appeal; and (c) **NOTE** and **ACCEPT** the compliance dated January 21, 2020 by counsel for accused-appellant Estanislao Medoranda y Gayondata (accused-appellant) with the show cause Resolution dated October 1, 2019, and **NOTE** counsel’s manifestation in lieu of supplemental brief (incorporated in the aforesaid compliance), adopting all the defenses and arguments raised in the appellant’s brief filed before the CA.

After a judicious study of the case, the Court further resolves to **DISMISS** the appeal<sup>1</sup> for failure to sufficiently show that the CA committed any reversible error in the assailed Decision as to warrant the exercise of the Court’s appellate jurisdiction. However, in light of prevailing jurisprudence,<sup>2</sup> the Court deems it proper to include the payment of legal interest at the rate of six percent (6%) per annum on all monetary awards from the date of finality of this Resolution until full payment.

**WHEREFORE**, the Court **ADOPTS** the findings of fact and conclusions of law of in the August 17, 2017 Decision<sup>3</sup> of the CA in CA-G.R. CR-H.C. No. 08495 and **AFFIRMS WITH MODIFICATION** said Decision finding accused-appellant **GUILTY** beyond reasonable doubt of the crime of Murder, defined and penalized under Article 248 of the Revised Penal Code. Accordingly, he is sentenced to suffer the penalty of *reclusion perpetua* and to pay the heirs of Edwin

<sup>1</sup> See Notice of Appeal dated September 5, 2017; *rollo*, pp. 21-23.

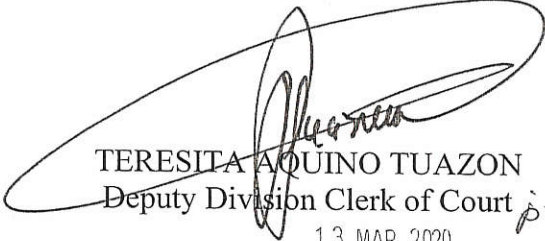
<sup>2</sup> *People v. Jugueta*, 783 Phil. 806, 848 (2016).

<sup>3</sup> *Rollo*, pp. 2-20. Penned by then Presiding Justices Romeo F. Barza with Associate Justices Myra V. Garcia Fernandez and Renato C. Francisco, concurring.

Tabil y Timple the following amounts: (a) ₱75,000.00 as civil indemnity; (b) ₱75,000.00 as moral damages; (c) ₱75,000.00 as exemplary damages; (e) ₱64,650.00 as actual damages; and (e) costs of suit. Moreover, all monetary awards shall earn an interest at the legal rate of six percent (6%) per annum from the date of finality of this Resolution until full payment.

**SO ORDERED.”**

Very truly yours,

  
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\*with copy of CA Decision dated 17 August 2017  
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