

Republic of the Philippines Supreme Court Manila

SUPREME COURT OF THE PHILIPPINES

FIRST DIVISION

NOTICE

Sirs/Mesdames:

Please take notice that the Court, First Division, issued a Resolution

dated **December 10, 2014** which reads as follows:

"G.R. No. 215178 (Jimmy C. Bondad v. PSSupt. Elmo Francis Sarona).- After a judicious perusal of the records, the Court resolves to DENY the instant petition and AFFIRM the April 29, 2014 and October 31, 2014 Resolutions¹ of the Court of Appeals (CA) in CA-G.R. SP No. 129746 for failure of Jimmy C. Bondad (petitioner) to sufficiently show that the CA committed any reversible error in affirming the dismissal of the criminal and administrative charges he filed against respondent PSSupt. Elmo Francis Sarona for lack of merit.

As a general rule, the Court does not interfere with the Office of the Ombudsman's exercise of its investigative and prosecutorial powers.² However, the Ombudsman's finding as to whether or not probable cause exists cannot escape judicial scrutiny where there is grave abuse of discretion, which the Court finds to be absent in this case. As such, the dismissal of the charges against respondent must perforce be upheld.

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Araullo v. Office of the Ombudsman, G.R. No. 194157, July 30, 2014.

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Rollo, pp. 24-30 and 31-34, respectively. Penned by Associate Justice Myra V. Garcia-Fernandez with Associate Justices Fernanda Lampas Peralta and Francisco P. Acosta, concurring.

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SO ORDERED." BERSAMIN, J., on official leave; REYES, J., designated acting member per S.O. No. 1892 dated November 28, 2014. PEREZ, J., on official leave; CARPIO, J., designated acting member per S.O. No. 1899 dated December 3, 2014.

Very truly yours,

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