

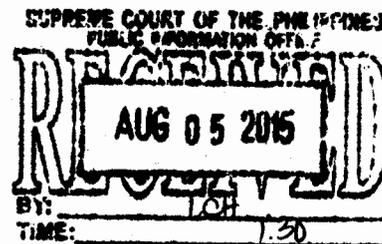


Republic of the Philippines

Supreme Court

Manila

FIRST DIVISION



NOTICE

Sirs/Mesdames:

*Please take notice that the Court, First Division, issued a Resolution dated **June 22, 2015** which reads as follows:*

“G.R. No. 214775 (People of the Philippines v. Ariel Riosa, Richard Bea, and Brando Bruce, accused; Brando Bruce, accused-appellant). - The accused-appellant’s manifestation in lieu of supplemental brief, that after a careful review of the case record, he is adopting the Brief filed before the Court of Appeals as his appellant’s supplemental brief, the same having adequately discussed all the matters pertinent to his defense as well as the Office of the Solicitor General’s manifestation, that it will no longer file a supplemental brief since all the issues raised by the appellant in his appeal had been extensively discussed and refuted in the Brief for the appellee dated October 16, 2012 filed before the Court of Appeals are NOTED.

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 the assailed Decision as to warrant the exercise of the Court’s appellate jurisdiction. However, to conform with prevailing jurisprudence,¹ the Court deems it proper to modify the award of damages as follows: (a) ₱75,000.00 as civil indemnity; (b) ₱75,000.00 as moral damages; and (c) ₱30,000.00 as exemplary damages.

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¹ See *People v. De los Santos*, G.R. No. 207818, July 23, 2014.

WHEREFORE, the Court **ADOPTS** the findings of fact and conclusions of law in the October 29, 2013 Decision² of the CA in CA-G.R. CR.HC. No. 04128 and **AFFIRMS** said Decision finding accused-appellant Brando Bruce **GUILTY** beyond reasonable doubt of the crime of two (2) counts of Murder in violation of Article 248 of the Revised Penal Code, sentencing him to suffer the penalty of *reclusion perpetua* without eligibility for parole, and to pay the heirs of the victims, solidarily with the other accused, the following amounts for each count of murder: (a) ₱1,180,000.00 for loss of earning capacity of Ronan Marasigan; (b) ₱864,000.00 for loss of earning capacity of Junar "Umping" Barrun; (c) ₱75,000.00 as civil indemnity; (d) ₱75,000.00 as moral damages; (e) ₱30,000.00 as exemplary damages; and (f) ₱25,000.00 as temperate damages, with six percent (6%) interest per annum on the monetary awards from the date of finality of this Decision until full payment.

SO ORDERED."

Very truly yours,


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² *Rollo*, pp. 2-16. Penned by Associate Justice Japar B. Dimaampao with Associate Justices Elihu A. Ybañez and Victoria Isabel A. Paredes concurring.