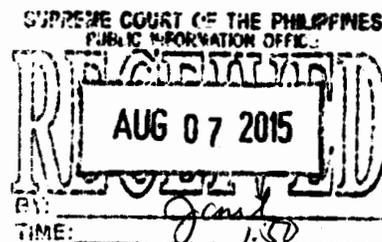




REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
SUPREME COURT  
Manila

SECOND DIVISION

NOTICE



Sirs/Mesdames:

Please take notice that the Court, Second Division, issued a Resolution dated **06 July 2015** which reads as follows:

**"G.R. No. 215346 – (People of the Philippines v. Matias “Mathew” Domequil).**

The records of this case were elevated to this Court on December 1, 2014, pursuant to the Resolution of the Court of Appeals (CA), dated October 20, 2014, which gave due course to the notice of appeal filed by the accused-appellant, Matias “Mathew” Domequil (*Domequil*).

The People, through the Office of the Solicitor General (*OSG*), in compliance with the Court’s Resolution, dated March 9, 2015, filed its Manifestation<sup>1</sup> informing the Court that it was dispensing with the filing of a supplemental brief to expedite the resolution of the case and to avoid the repetition of arguments already raised in the Appellee’s Brief, dated January 16, 2014. The accused-appellant on the other hand, filed his Supplemental Brief,<sup>2</sup> arguing that the evidence presented by the prosecution was not sufficient for his conviction.

After a perusal of the records of the case, the Court resolves to dismiss the appeal for failure of the accused-appellant to sufficiently show reversible error in the challenged decision to warrant the exercise of its appellate jurisdiction.

The Court, however, deems it appropriate to impose interest at the rate of six percent (6%) *per annum* on the monetary awards, reckoned from the date of the finality of this resolution to complete the quest for justice and vindication on the part of the private complainants. This is upon the authority of Article 2211 of the Civil Code, which states that in crimes and *quasi-delicts*, interest as a part of the damages may, in a proper case, be adjudicated in the discretion of the court.

<sup>1</sup> *Rollo*, pp. 25-26.

<sup>2</sup> *Id.* at 34-39.

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**WHEREFORE**, the April 14, 2014 Decision of the Court of Appeals in CA-G.R. CR-HC No. 05920, finding accused-appellant Matias "Mathew" Domequil guilty beyond reasonable doubt of three (3) counts of Illegal Recruitment in Large Scale under Section 6, paragraphs (a), (l) and (m) of Republic Act No. 8042, or the Migrant Workers and Overseas Filipinos Act of 1995, is hereby **AFFIRMED with MODIFICATION** in that all damages awarded shall earn interest at the rate of 6% *per annum* from the date of the finality of this judgment until fully paid. (*Carpio J., on official leave, Del Castillo, J., designated Acting Chairperson and Peralta, J., designated Acting Member, per Special Order Nos. 2087 (Revised) and 2088, both dated July 1, 2015; Brion, J., on leave, Bersamin, J., designated Acting Member, per Special Order No. 2079, dated June 29, 2015*)

**SO ORDERED.** <sup>4</sup>

Very truly yours,

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