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Republic of the Philippines
Supreme Court
Manila

THIRD DIVISION

NOTICE

Sirs/Mesdames:

Please take notice that the Court, Third Division, issued a Resolution dated **July 8, 2020**, which reads as follows:

“G.R. No. 230908 – (PEOPLE OF THE PHILIPPINES, plaintiff-appellee v. MANUEL BUSTO, JR., accused-appellant). – This is a petition for review on *certiorari* under Rule 45 of the Rules of Court seeking to annul and set aside the Decision dated August 5, 2016¹ of the Court of Appeals in CA-G.R. CR-HC No. 07215.

After an evaluation of the case records, this Court resolves to **DISMISS** the appeal, there being no reversible error in the assailed Decision to warrant the exercise of this Court’s appellate jurisdiction.

WHEREFORE, the Court of Appeals Decision dated August 5, 2016 in CA-G.R. CR-HC No. 07215 is **AFFIRMED**. Judgment is hereby rendered as follows:

1. Accused-Appellant Manuel Busto, Jr. is held **GUILTY** beyond reasonable doubt of murder as defined under Article 248 of the Revised Penal Code for the killing of Lolita Mamenta. He is hereby sentenced to suffer the penalty of *reclusion perpetua*, and **ORDERED** to pay the heirs of Lolita Mamenta civil indemnity in the amount of ₱75,000.00; moral damages in the amount of ₱75,000.00; exemplary damages in the amount of ₱75,000.00; and actual damages in the amount of ₱176,300.00.

2. Accused-Appellant Manuel Busto, Jr. is held **GUILTY** beyond reasonable doubt of murder as defined under Article 248 of the Revised Penal Code for the killing of Liezl Soriano. He is hereby sentenced to suffer the penalty of *reclusion perpetua*, and **ORDERED** to pay the heirs of Liezl Soriano civil indemnity in the amount of ₱75,000.00; moral damages in the amount of ₱75,000.00; exemplary damages in the amount of ₱75,000.00; and temperate damages in the amount of ₱25,000.00.

¹ *Rollo*, pp. 2-16; penned by Associate Justice Florito S. Macalino, with Associate Justices Mariflor P. Punzalan Castillo and Zenaida T. Galapate-Laguilles, concurring.

All damages awarded shall earn interest at the rate of six percent (6%) *per annum* from the time of finality of this Resolution until fully paid.

SO ORDERED.”

By authority of the Court:

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