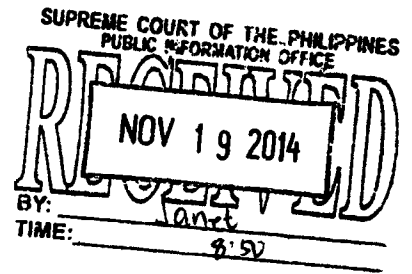




REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
SUPREME COURT
Manila

SECOND DIVISION

NOTICE



Sirs/Mesdames:

*Please take notice that the Court, Second Division, issued a Resolution dated **20 October 2014** which reads as follows:*

G.R. No. 211673 - *People of the Philippines v. Rolando Gozon De Guzman*).

The records of this case were elevated to this Court on April 2, 2014, pursuant to the Resolution of the Court of Appeals (CA), dated February 13, 2014, which gave due course to the notice of appeal filed by the accused-appellant, Rolando Gozon De Guzman.

The Court resolves to:

- (1) **NOTE** the Manifestation (In Lieu of Supplemental Brief), dated August 5, 2014, filed by the accused-appellant, stating that he was adopting the Appellant's Brief, dated December 17, 2012 and filed before the CA, as his supplemental brief as it had adequately discussed all the matters pertinent to his defense before the CA;
- (2) **NOTE** the Manifestation, dated August 18, 2014, filed by the Office of the Solicitor General, praying that it be excused from filing a supplemental brief considering that all the matters and issues raised in the appellant's brief had already been extensively discussed in the Appellee's Brief, dated May 2, 2013 and filed with the CA;
- (3) **DISMISS** the appeal of the accused-appellant for his failure to sufficiently show reversible error in the challenged decision warranting the exercise of the Court's appellate jurisdiction; and

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- (4) **ADOPT** the findings of fact and conclusions of law of the Court of Appeals in its January 14, 2014 Decision in CA-G.R. CR HC No. 05469, finding accused-appellant Rolando Gozon De Guzman GUILTY beyond reasonable doubt of the crime of Rape, as defined and penalized under Article 266-A, paragraph 1 (a), in relation to Article 266-B of the Revised Penal Code, pursuant to Republic Act No. 8353 and Section 5(j) of Republic Act No. 8369, and sentencing him to suffer the penalty of *reclusion perpetua* with the accessory penalties provided by law and to pay the heirs of the victim the amount of Fifty Thousand Pesos (₱50,000.00) as civil indemnity; Fifty Thousand Pesos (₱50,000.00) as moral damages; and Twenty-Five Thousand Pesos (₱25,000.00) as exemplary damages plus 6% interest per annum from date of judgment until fully paid. (*Del Castillo, J., on official leave; Jardeleza, J., designated acting member per Special Order No. 1838. Leonen, J., on official leave; Perlas-Bernabe, J., designated acting member per Special Order No. 1841).*)

SO ORDERED.

Very truly yours,


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