



Republic of the Philippines
Supreme Court
Manila

THIRD DIVISION

NOTICE

Sirs/Mesdames:

Please take notice that the Court, Third Division, issued a Resolution dated **January 29, 2020**, which reads as follows:

“G.R. No. 241949 (*People of the Philippines v. Joseph Macararanga*). – Considering the allegations, issues and arguments presented in the Appellant’s and the Appellee’s Briefs, which the parties adopted instead of filing their respective Supplementary Appeal Briefs, the Court resolves to **DISMISS** the appeal for failure to sufficiently show that the Court of Appeals committed any reversible error in its assailed Decision,¹ dated April 13, 2018, as to warrant the exercise of the Court’s appellate jurisdiction.

WHEREFORE, the Court **ADOPTS** the findings of fact and conclusions of law in the Decision dated April 13, 2018 of the Court of Appeals in CA-G.R. CR. HC No. 08994 and **AFFIRMS** said Decision finding appellant Joseph Macararanga guilty beyond reasonable doubt of qualified rape as defined under Article 266-A(1)(d), in relation to Article 266-B(1) of the Revised Penal Code, as Amended by Republic Act No. 8353,² and hereby sentences him to suffer the penalty *reclusion perpetua* without eligibility for parole. Appellant is **ORDERED** to pay the victim civil indemnity in the amount of ₱100,000.00; moral damages in the amount of ₱100,000.00; and exemplary damages in the amount of ₱100,000.00. Moreover, all damages awarded shall earn interest at the rate of six percent (6%) *per annum* from date of finality of this Resolution until full payment.

SO ORDERED.”

Very truly yours,

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grd 2/11/20

¹ *Rollo*, pp. 2-16; penned by Associate Justice Ramon R. Garcia and concurred in by Associate Justices Myra V. Garcia-Fernandez and Germano Francisco D. Legaspi.

² Known as the “Anti-Rape Law of 1997.”

