



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
SUPREME COURT  
Manila

SECOND DIVISION

**NOTICE**

Sirs/Mesdames:

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

“**G.R. No. 232384 (People of the Philippines v. Sumilang Tee y Partoza, Rowell Letun y Tee and Carlito Pili y Machado)**. – The Court notes that on August 14, 2019, the Court received a Letter<sup>1</sup> dated August 12, 2019 from Chief Superintendent Marites D. Luceño (CSupt Luceño), Inmate Documents and Processing Division, Bureau of Corrections. CSupt Luceño informed the Court that Rowell Letun y Tee (Letun) died on August 9, 2019 at the NBP Hospital, Muntinlupa City. CSupt Luceño attached the Report of Death of Person Deprived of Liberty (PDL)<sup>2</sup> pertaining to Letun.

In the Resolution<sup>3</sup> dated December 4, 2019, the Court considered the case closed and terminated with respect to Letun in view of his death on August 9, 2019.

Pursuant to the Court’s directive, an entry of judgment was issued as to Letun.<sup>4</sup>

Thus, considering the following circumstances: (1) the dismissal by the Court of Appeals of the case against Sumilang Tee y Partoza on account of her demise pending appeal before the Court of Appeals;<sup>5</sup> and (2) the termination of the case against Letun in view of his death pending appeal before the Court, the appeal subsists only as to Carlito Pili y Machado.

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<sup>1</sup> *Rollo*, p. 37.

<sup>2</sup> *Id.* at 38.

<sup>3</sup> *Id.* at 41.

<sup>4</sup> *Id.* at 44.

<sup>5</sup> *Id.* at 14.

Considering the allegations, issues and arguments presented in the Appellants' and the Appellee's Briefs<sup>6</sup> which the parties adopted instead of filing their respective supplemental briefs, the Court resolves to **DISMISS** the appeal of accused-appellant Carlito Pili y Machado for failure to sufficiently show that the Court of Appeals committed any reversible error in its assailed Decision dated September 21, 2016 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 September 21, 2016 of the Court of Appeals in CA-G.R. CR-HC No. 06831 and **AFFIRMS** the Decision finding accused-appellant Carlito Pili y Machado guilty beyond reasonable doubt of the offense of violation of Section 5 of Republic Act No. 9165 otherwise known as The Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002, as amended, and sentencing him to suffer the penalty of life imprisonment, pay a fine in the amount of Five Hundred Thousand Pesos (P500,000.00), and pay the costs.

**SO ORDERED."**

Very truly yours,

  
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<sup>6</sup> CA rollo, pp. 57-66, 101-120.

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