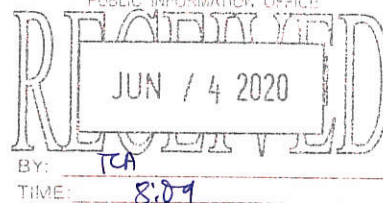




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NOTICE

Sirs/Mesdames:

*Please take notice that the Court, Second Division, issued a Resolution dated **24 February 2020** which reads as follows:*

“G.R. No. 247660 (People of the Philippines v. Maria Mirasol Merced Ragay). – The Court **NOTES** the separate manifestations (in lieu of supplemental briefs) of the Office of the Solicitor General dated January 7, 2020 and the Public Attorney’s Office dated January 31, 2020, both adopting their briefs filed before the Court of Appeals (CA) as their supplemental briefs in this case, as the same had adequately discussed all the matters pertinent to the instant case.

After a judicious study of the case, the Court resolves to **DISMISS** the appeal¹ for failure to sufficiently show that the CA committed any reversible error in the assailed Decision 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 September 27, 2018 Decision² of the CA in CA-G.R. CR-HC No. 02236 and **AFFIRMS** said Decision finding accused-appellant Maria Mirasol Merced Ragay **GUILTY** beyond reasonable doubt of the crimes of Illegal Sale and Illegal Possession of Dangerous Drugs, defined and penalized under Sections 5 and 11, Article II of Republic Act No. 9165,³ otherwise known as the “Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002.” Accordingly, she is sentenced to suffer the following penalties: (a) in Criminal Case No. 2014-22623, for the crime of Illegal Sale of Dangerous Drugs, the penalty of life imprisonment and a fine of ₱500,000.00; and (b) in Criminal Case No. 2014-22624, for the crime of Illegal Possession of Dangerous Drugs, the penalty of life imprisonment and a fine of ₱500,000.00.

¹ See Notice of Appeal dated October 24, 2018; *rollo*, pp. 21-22.

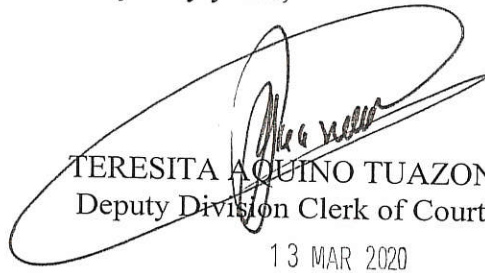
² Id. at 5-20. Penned by Associate Justice Emily R. Aliño-Geluz with Associate Justices Gabriel T. Ingles and Marilyn B. Lagura-Yap, concurring.

³ Entitled “AN ACT INSTITUTING THE COMPREHENSIVE DANGEROUS DRUGS ACT OF 2002, REPEALING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6425, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE DANGEROUS DRUGS ACT OF 1972, AS AMENDED, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES,” approved on June 7, 2002.

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SO ORDERED.”

Very truly yours,


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