

PEOPLE OF THE PHILIPPINES, PLAINTIFF-APPELLEE, VS. RUBEN CATAHAN Y EMPERADOR, ACCUSED-APPELLANT.

Ponente: SADANG, J.

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SADANG, J.:

For resolution is accused-appellant's Motion for Reconsideration[1] dated September 15, 2014, of this Court's Decision dated August 20, 2014, the fallo of which reads:

WHEREFORE, the Decision, dated September 12, 2011, of the Regional Trial Court of Makati City, Branch 136, in Criminal Case No. 07-1319 is AFFIRMED with MODIFICATIONS, viz.: 1) accused-appellant Ruben Catahan y Emperador is sentenced to suffer the penalty of 12 (twelve) years one (1) day of reclusion temporal minimum, as minimum, to 15 years 6 months and 20 days of reclusion temporal medium, as maximum; 2) the award of moral damages in the amount of P20,000.00 shall be subject to 6 % per annum from finality of the judgment of conviction until fully paid; and 3) accused-appellant shall pay AAA civil indemnity in the amount of P20,000.00 which shall also be subject to interest of 6 % per annum from finality of the judgment of conviction until fully paid.

The Office of the Solicitor General filed its Comment[2] to the motion on November 25, 2014.

After a thorough scrutiny of the arguments interposed by accused- appellant, We find and so hold, that there exists no cogent reason for us to modify, much less reverse and deviate from the previous findings and conclusions reached in our decision.

WHEREFORE, premises considered, the Motion for Reconsideration is DENIED.

SO ORDERED.

Librea-Leagogo, J., Chairperson, and Diamante, JJ., concur.

[1] Rollo, pp. 120-130.

[2] Id., pp. 135-140.

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