

THE PEOPLE OF THE PHILIPPINES, PLAINTIFF-APPELLEE, VS. JUDITO SANCHEZ, ACCUSED-APPELLANT.

Ponente: SINGH, J.

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SINGH, J.:

Per letter[1] dated November 29, 2012, the Branch Clerk of Court (BCOC) of the Regional Trial Court, Branch 19 of Digos City, Davao del Sur was required to submit to this Court copies of unsigned and lacking Transcripts of Stenographic Notes (TSN) in Criminal Case No. 62(2002), one of which is the TSN of the testimony of witness Annabelle Carpentero taken on August 14, 2006 by Stenographer Imelda Signapan.

In her Compliance[2] letter dated March 3, 2014, Atty. Louise Marie Therese B. Escobido, as the BCOC, prayed for an extension of fifteen (15) days within which to submit the said TSN. Subsequently, this Court, in its Minute Resolution[3] of August 6, 2014, directed Atty. Escobido to show cause, within five (5) days from notice, why she should not be cited for contempt of court for failure to submit the lacking TSN within the extended period she prayed for.

Notably, Atty. Escobido received a copy of the August 6, 2014 Minute Resolution on September 23, 2014.[4] Yet, per JRD verification report dated November 12, 2014, the required lacking TSN remains un-submitted and Atty. Escobido failed to comply with the show-cause order.

Consequently, Atty. Escobido is hereby given one last chance to comply with the foregoing directives and is granted a final period of ten (10) days from receipt hereof to submit the August 14, 2006 TSN of witness Annabelle Carpentero or explain her inability to do so, under pain of contempt.

SO ORDERED.

Borja, (Chairman), and [*] Santos, JJ., concur.

[*] New Third Member vice Justice Oscar V. Badelles, who is on Wellness Leave, per Raffle dated 18 November 2014.

[1] Rollo, p. 22.

[2] Id. at pp. 36-37.

[3] Id. at p. 47.

[4] Id., see attached Registry Return Receipt at the back portion of the page.

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