

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
NATIONAL CAPITAL JUDICIAL REGION  
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT  
BRANCH 58  
MAKATI CITY

PEOPLE OF THE PHILIPPINES,

-Versus-

CRIM. CASES NOS. 18-00416  
18-00417

MA. VICTORIA MCKENNEY  
PIJUAN (SG 24),

*Accused.*

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**ORDER**

In today's hearing, Atty. Catherine Pascua-Castro manifested before the Court that their office has approved on January 28, 2019 the second application for plea bargaining. Considering her manifestation that this being an internal memorandum and cannot be released to the public and even to this Court, she showed the said memorandum to the Court and the Court actually saw the approval made by Ombudsman Samuel Martires signed and approved on January 28, 2019. Therefore, the Court allows the re-arraignment of the said accused for Article 172 Paragraph 1.

Upon re-arraignment, accused having read the Information in the dialect known to her **PLEADED GUILTY** to Article 172 Paragraph 1. Guilt having been proven by reasonable doubt, the accused is hereby sentenced to five years one day to six years of Prision Correccional and Five Thousand Pesos (Php5,000.00) as fine.

Counsel for the accused manifested and moved that the accused be released under the same bond and that they will be applying for probation.

Also on record is private complainant Atty. Sherwin C. Castañeda who manifested before the Court that he will be filing an Opposition to the application for prosecution and that he will be filing this in his personal capacity. It is noted that as per his admission, he is now separated from DTI.

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BRANCH CLERK OF COURT

**SO ORDERED.**

**GIVEN IN OPEN COURT** this 31<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2019,  
Makati City.

**EUGENE C. PARAS**  
Presiding Judge

ECP/rbg

**ENTRUSTED**

**ATTY. ROMEO A. FONSO B. RAS, JR.**  
BRANCH CLERK OF COURT