

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

**Sandiganbayan**

Quezon City

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Second Division

**The People of the Philippines,**  
*Plaintiff,*

Criminal Cases Nos. **SB-17-CRM-1110 to**  
**SB-17-CRM-1147**

-versus-

Present:  
Herrera, Jr. J. *Chairperson*  
Musngi, J. &  
Pahimna, J.

**Eric T. Loretizo,**

*Accused.*

Promulgated:

August 2, 2019

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**DECISION**

**HERRERA, JR., J.:**

Accused Eric T. Loretizo is charged before the Court with seven (7) counts of the offense of ***Failure of Accountable Officer to Render Account*** under **Article 218** of the ***Revised Penal Code***, in Criminal Cases Nos. SB-17-CRM-1110 to 1116, under seven (7) separate ***Informations*** dated May 26, 2016, except those in SB-17-CRM-1114 and 1115 which are ***Amended Informations*** dated July 24, 2017. He is also charge with thirty-one (31) counts of ***Malversation of Public Funds*** under **Article 217** of the ***Revised Penal Code***, in Criminal Cases Nos. SB-17-CRM-1117 to 1147, under thirty-one (31) separate ***Informations*** dated May 26, 2016, except those in 1123 and 1124 which are ***Amended Informations*** dated July 24, 2017.

When the cases were called today, accused Loretizo, through counsel Atty. Neil Jerome A. Rapatan, moved that his earlier plea of not guilty to the charges be withdrawn and that he be re-arraigned. There

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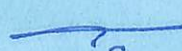




being no objection on the part of the prosecution, the Court granted the motion.

Upon being re-arraigned in the seven (7) counts of ***Failure of Accountable Officer to Render Account*** under ***Article 218 of the Revised Penal Code***, in Criminal Cases Nos. SB-17-CRM-1110 to 1116, accused Loretizo, assisted by counsel, manifested that he is waiving the reading of the ***Informations***, that he understands the charges against him, and that he is entering a plea of guilty.

Upon being re-arraigned in the thirty-one (31) counts of ***Malversation of Public Funds*** under ***Article 217 of the Revised Penal Code*** in Criminal Cases Nos. SB-17-CRM-1117 to 1147, accused Loretizo, assisted by counsel, manifested that he is also waiving the reading of the ***Informations***, that he understands the charges against him, and that he is entering a plea of guilty to the lesser offense of ***Failure of Accountable Officer to Render Account*** under ***Article 218 of the Revised Penal Code***. The prosecution as well as the complainant Philippine Sports Commission, represented by Atty. Maribel Rodriguez, gave their consent to the plea of guilty to the lesser offense in Criminal Cases Nos. SB-17-CRM-1117 to 1147.

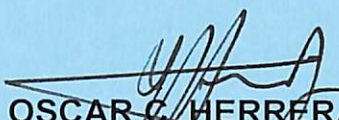
WHEREFORE, the Court hereby renders judgment finding accused Eric T. Loretizo guilty beyond reasonable doubt of thirty-eight (38) counts of the crime of ***Failure of Accountable Officer to Render Account*** under ***Article 218 of the Revised Penal Code*** in Criminal Cases Nos. SB-17-CRM-1110 to 1147. Pursuant to the provisions of ***Article 218 of the Revised Penal Code***, and considering his voluntary plea of guilty, accused Loretizo is hereby sentenced to pay a fine of P2,000.00 in each of the thirty-eight (38) Criminal Cases. He is also ordered to pay civil liability in the amount of P4,197,444.28.






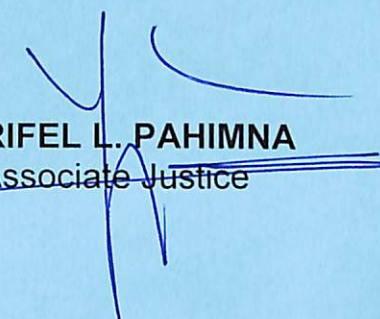
SO ORDERED.

GIVEN IN OPEN COURT this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of August 2019, Quezon City,  
Philippines.

  
**OSCAR C. HERRERA, JR.**  
Chairperson  
Associate Justice

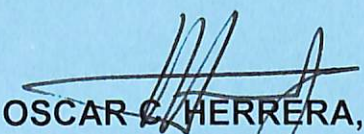
*We concur:*

  
**MICHAEL FREDERICK L. MUSNGI**  
Associate Justice

  
**LORIFEL L. PAHIMNA**  
Associate Justice

**ATTESTATION**

I attest that the conclusions in the above decision were reached in consultation before the case was assigned to the writer of the opinion of the Court's Division.

  
**OSCAR C. HERRERA, JR.**  
Chairperson  
Second Division

**CERTIFICATION**

Pursuant to Article VIII, Section 13 of the Constitution and the Division Chairman's Attestation, it is hereby certified that the conclusions in the above decision were reached in consultation before the case was assigned to the writer of the opinion of the Court's Division.

**AMPARO M. CABOTAJE-TANG**  
Presiding Justice