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Please take notice that the Court, First Division, issued a Resolution

dated November 17, 2014 which reads as follows:

"G.R. No. 207634 (People of the Philippines v. Joey Acid). - After a judicious perusal of the records, the Court resolves to DISMISS the appeal for failure to sufficiently show that the Court of Appeals (CA) committed any reversible error in its assailed Decision as to warrant the exercise of the Court's appellate jurisdiction. The Court, however, deems it proper to increase the awards of civil indemnity and moral damages from \pm 50,000.00 to \pm 75,000.00, and to award exemplary damages in the amount of \pm 30,000.00, to conform with prevailing jurisprudence.

WHEREFORE, the Court ADOPTS the findings of fact and conclusions of law in the March 23, 2012 Decision¹ of the CA in CA-G.R. CR-HC No. 00779 and AFFIRMS said Decision finding accused-appellant Joey Acid **GUILTY** beyond reasonable doubt of the crime of Murder, in violation of Article 248 of the Revised Penal Code, with **MODIFICATION** as to the awards of damages and eligibility for parole, sentencing him to suffer the penalty of reclusion perpetua, without eligibility for parole, and to indemnify the heirs of the victim the following amounts: (a) P75,000.00 as civil indemnity; (b) P75,000.00 as moral damages; (c) $\blacksquare 30,000.00$ as exemplary damages; and (d) $\blacksquare 4,000.00$ as actual damages, plus legal interest of six percent (6%) per annum on all amounts imposed from the finality of this judgment until full payment. With costs.

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Rollo, pp. 3-12. Penned by Associate Justice Eduardo B. Peralta, Jr. with Associate Justices Gabriel T. Ingles and Pamela Ann Abella Maxino, concurring.

SO ORDERED." BERSAMIN, <u>J</u>., on official travel; VELASCO, JR., <u>J</u>., designated acting member per S.O. No. 1870 dated November 4, 2014.

Very truly yours,

EDGAR O. ARICHETA Division Clerk of Court 132

The Solicitor General (x) Makati City Court of Appeals 6000 Cebu City (CA-G.R. CR H.C. No. 00779)

The Hon. Presiding Judge Regional Trial Court, Br. 42 Balangiga 6812 Eastern Samar (Crim. Case No. 2086)

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