

Republic of the Philippines Supreme Court Manila

FIRST DIVISION

NOTICE

Sirs/Mesdames:

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

dated June 29, 2015 which reads as follows:

"G.R. No. 217347 (Renato B. Escobar v. People of the Philippines). – The Sandiganbayan and the Regional Trial Court, Branch 30, Cabanatuan City, are DELETED as party respondents in this case pursuant to Sec. 4, Rule 45, 1997 Rules of Civil Procedure, as amended.

After a judicious perusal of the records, the Court resolves to **DISMISS** the instant petition for review on *certiorari* under Rule 45 of the Rules of Court for having been filed out of time.

Records reveal that petitioner Renato B. Escobar received the Resolution of the Sandiganbayan on March 3, 2015, hence, in accordance with Section 7^1 of Republic Act No. (RA) 8249, as amended,² he had fifteen (15) days from its receipt or until March 18, 2015 within which to file an appeal. However, no appeal was taken within the said period, rendering the Resolution of the Sandiganbayan final and unappealable.

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¹ SEC. 7. Form, Finality and Enforcement of Decisions. – x x x.

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Decisions and final orders of the Sandiganbayan shall be appealable to the Supreme Court by petition for review on *certiorari* raising pure questions of law in accordance with Rule 45 of the Rules of Court. $x \times x$.

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² "AN ACT FURTHER DEFINING THE JURISDICTION OF THE SANDIGANBAYAN, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1606, AS AMENDED, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES." (February 5, 1997).

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SO ORDERED."

Very truly yours,

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