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REGIONAL TRIAL COURT

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PEOPLE OF THE PHILIPPINES
Plaintiff,

-versus-

CASE NO. R-QZN- 25-04536-CR

For: Robbery (Extortion) under
Article 294 (5) of the Revised Penal
Code, as amended

BILLAL SAFDAR ALI
SAJJAD AHMED ABBASI,
Accused.

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ORDER

When the case was called for arraignment and pre-trial, the following appeared in court:

1. Atty. Christine C. Lachica, Private Prosecutor;
2. Atty. Marie Glen Abraham-Gardugue, who is the lead counsel of the accused, together with Atty. Joshua Emil L. Abitria,
3. Private complainant Stephen Millamena Carreon; and,
4. Accused, namely:
 - a. Billal Safdar Ali
 - b. Sajjad Ahmed Abbasi.

On the other hand, ACP Virgilio R. Follosco, appeared through online video conference hearing.

The Court notes the filing of the following pleadings:

1. The *Entry of Appearance* filed Atty. Christine C. Lachica, as Private Prosecutor, on May 28, 2025;
2. The *Motion to Issue Hold Departure Order (with Concurrence of the Public Prosecutor)* filed by the private complainant through Atty. Lachica on May 28, 2025;
3. The *Joint Motion to Dismiss* filed by the parties through their counsels, on May 29, 2025; and,
4. The *Manifestation (with Motion to Release the Foreign Passports of the Accused)* filed by the accused through counsel Atty. Marie Glen Abraham-Gardugue on May 29, 2025.

ARRAIGNMENT

Then after, Atty. Gardugue manifested that she thoroughly conferred with the two accused and explained to them the nature of the accusations filed against them in the *Information* herein. Also, Atty. Gardugue manifested to the Court that both accused waived the reading of the *Information* in open Court with their express understanding and intelligent consent and were informed of the consequences of such waiver. Hence, the Court allowed the waiver of the reading of the *Information* in open Court. Thereafter, both accused pleaded **NOT GUILTY** to the offense charged.

Also, on record is an *Affidavit of Desistance* dated May 28, 2025 duly subscribed and sworn to this morning before ACP Follosco, the Public Prosecutor.

Then after, the Private Prosecutor Atty. Lachica with the direct control and supervision of ACP Follosco called to the witness stand private complainant **Stephen Millamena Carreon**, where he affirmed and confirmed under oath the genuineness and due execution of the *Affidavit of Desistance* as well as his signature appearing therein.

THE RULING

The *Entry of Appearance* is noted.

The *Motion to Issue Hold Departure Order (with Concurrence of the Public Prosecutor)* is considered withdrawn by virtue of an oral manifestation made by Atty. Lachica in open court this morning.

The *Joint Motion to Dismiss and Manifestation (with Motion to Release the Foreign Passports of the Accused)* are hereby **granted** in view of the execution and confirmation the *Affidavit of Desistance* by the complainant himself in open court and duly subscribed and sworn to before the Public Prosecutor.

As to the *Manifestation (with Motion to Release the Foreign Passports of the Accused)*, let it be noted that ACP Follosco as well as Atty. Lachica, interposed no objection thereto. Further, Atty. Gardugue manifested that when the two accused were released from incarceration after the court allowed them to post bond, the Criminal Investigation and Detection Unit- Quezon City Police District (CIDU-QCPD) stated that the passports are in their custody. Furthermore, ACP Follosco manifested that as the investigator of the case in inquest proceedings, the order of the court may be coursed through PCpl Nestor V. Ariz, Jr. pertaining to the release of the passports of the two accused.

Simply put, the *Motion to Release the Foreign Passports of the Accused* is hereby granted without objection from the prosecution.

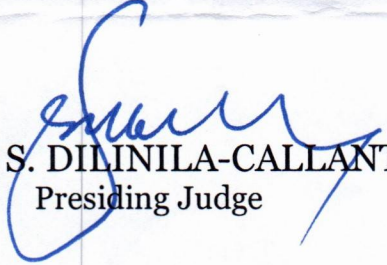
WHEREFORE, in view of the execution of the *Affidavit of Desistance* by the complainant himself in open court under oath, this case is hereby **DISMISSED** with prejudice, both the civil and criminal aspect of the case.

Likewise, the cash bond posted by the accused **Billal Safdar Ali** under **O.R. No. 11036551** in the amount of **₱100,000.00** dated **May 27, 2025** and accused **Sajjad Ahmed Abbasi** under **O.R. No. 11036553** in the amount of **₱100,000.00** dated **May 27, 2025** are hereby ordered released and refunded directly to them upon showing of proper identification.

Lastly, the Criminal Investigation and Detection Unit- Quezon City Police District (CIDU-QCPD) through PCpl Nestor V. Ariz, Jr. is directed to release to Billal Safdar Ali and Sajjad Ahmed Abbasi their corresponding passports, which were confiscated from them when they were arrested on May 19, 2025.

SO ORDERED.

30 May 2025, Quezon City, Philippines.


JURIS S. DILINILA-CALLANTA
Presiding Judge

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