



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

Supreme Court

Manila

THIRD DIVISION

Sirs/Mesdames:

Quoted hereunder, for your information, is a resolution of this Court dated 10 August 2009:

A.M. No. 09-6-257-RTC (*Request for Transfer of Venue of Criminal Case No. 2009-200*) – The Court **NOTES** the Report dated 10 June 2009 of the Office of the Court Administrator [OCA] on the letter-request dated 17 March 2009 of Nilo A. Labares, private complainant in Crim. Case No. 2009-200, for the transfer of venue from Regional Trial Court, Branch 21, Capayan de Oro City, to the proper court in Manila and letter-request dated 18 March 2009 of Jose L. Pavia, Chair, Freedom Fund for Filipino Journalists, also for the transfer of venue of the subject case, but from Cagayan de Oro City to Makati City or Cebu City, finding that the perceived fear for the lives and security of the witnesses is actual and real and that the grounds cited by the petitioner appear to be well-founded and the violence feared is highly possible.

Upon the recommendation of the OCA, the Court resolves to:

- (1) **GRANT** the request for the transfer of venue of Criminal Case No. 2009-200 from the RTC, Branch 21, Cagayan de Oro City, to any proper court in Makati City;
- (2) **RELIEVE** Hon. Gil G. Bollozos, Presiding Judge of RTC, Branch 21, Cagayan de Oro City, of his authority to hear and decide the subject case;
- (3) **DIRECT** the Branch Clerk of Court of RTC, Branch 21, Cagayan de Oro City, to **IMMEDIATELY FORWARD** the records of the subject case to the Office of the Clerk of Court, RTC, Makati City;
- (4) **DIRECT** the Executive Judge of RTC, Makati City, to **IMMEDIATELY RAFFLE** the subject case among the proper branches in his station; and
- (5) **DIRECT** the Judge of the branch to whom the subject case is raffled to try and decide the subject case with dispatch.

WITNESS the Honorable Minita V. Chico-Nazario (*Acting Chairperson per Special Order No. 678 dated 03 August 2009*), Honorable Conchita Carpio Morales (*designated member per Special Order No. 679 dated 03 August 2009*), Presbitero J. Velasco, Jr., Antonio Eduardo B. Nachura and Diosdado M. Peralta, Members, Third Division, this 10th day of August 2009.

Very truly yours,

LUCITA ABJELINA-SORIANO

Clerk of Court

By:


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Asst. Clerk of Court
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