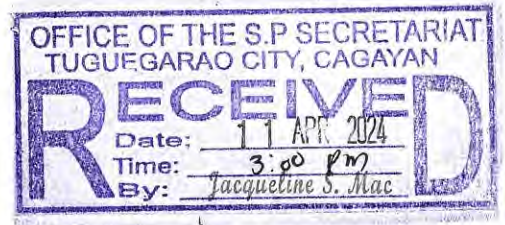


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**OFFICE OF THE CITY MAYOR**

April 11, 2024

**THE PRESIDING OFFICER AND MEMBERS**  
Sangguniang Panlungsod  
This City

Dear **Presiding Officer and Members of the Sanggunian:**

Greetings of solidarity and peace!

We are respectfully forwarding to you the attached letter received by this level from Atty. Roderick C. Tagaruma, counsel of Jameson A. Pascual *re.* Motion for Consolidation and to Enter into Plea Bargaining Agreement.

For your information and appropriate action. Thank you and best regards.

In the name of public service,

**MAILA ROSARIO S. TING-QUE**  
City Mayor



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11 April 2024

**HON. MAILA ROSARIO S. TING-QUE**

City Mayor  
This City

*Dear Hon. Mayor Ting-Que:*

Good day! I hope this letter finds you well and in good health.

The office of the undersigned has recently received a Motion to Enter into Plea Bargain submitted by Jameson Pascual y Aglugub through his counsel Atty. Roderick C. Tagaruma of the Public Attorney's Office. Jameson Pascual is one of the accused in Criminal Case No. 21345 & 21346 currently pending before the Regional Trial Court-Branch 03, Tuguegarao City, Cagayan.

*(Attached herewith is a copy of the Motion to Enter into Plea Bargain for your perusal)*

To commence the plea-bargaining process, it is imperative to secure approval and/or authorization from the Honorable Members of the Sangguniang Panglungsod allowing the City Government, the private complainant in this case, to give its consent to the offer of plea bargain proposed by the accused.

Under the terms of the plea-bargaining agreement, the accused has expressed willingness to plead guilty to charges of simple ESTAFA and undertake full restitution of the total amount defrauded from the funds of PhilHealth, which were entrusted to the City Government.

In light of these developments, the undersigned respectfully request the immediate referral of this matter to the Honorable Members of the Ninth (9<sup>th</sup>) City Council for them to approve the proposed plea-bargaining agreement and subsequently grant authorization in favor of the Honorable City Mayor and/or City Legal Officer to represent the City Government in entering into this plea-bargaining agreement with the accused in the aforementioned case.

Hoping for your appropriate action on the matter. Thank you!

Very truly yours,

**ATTY. VANESSA T. HERRERO-VERBO**  
CITY LEGAL OFFICER

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PEOPLE OF THE PHILIPPINES,

Complainant,

Criminal Case No. 21345 & 21346

-versus-

For: "Estafa through Falsification of  
Public or Official Document"

MARITESS ATTABAN et al.,

Accused.

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**MOTION FOR CONSOLIDATION AND TO ENTER INTO PLEA BARGAINING  
AGREEMENT**

ACCUSED **JAMESON P. PASCUAL**, through the Public Attorney's Office, by undersigned counsel, unto the Honorable Court, most respectfully states that:

1. Accused is charged with two (2) counts of Estafa through Falsification of Public Document under Article 315 (2)[a] of the Revised Penal Code, in relation to Article 171 (2) as amended by RA 10951.

2. A historical review of the herein-case and the other related cases before the Honorable Court and in other courts readily show that there are just a handful of personalities who appear to have devised the scheme and preyed on innocent PhilHealth members to affix their signatures without knowing the transaction they entered.

3. Such was the case for the herein accused who was simply beguiled into affixing his signature on the PhilHealth forms without having been informed of the transaction he was entering into.

4. Such act by itself alone does not prove that he was aware of the scheme being employed to defraud the PhilHealth nor does it prove his complicity with the real actors and schemers in the alleged PhilHealth fiasco.

5. It is most respectfully underscored likewise that majority, if not all, of those who were victimized in the scheme were elder people and under-educated people, all of whom are characteristically easily beguiled.

6. In order to buy peace of mind, and in order for the state to concentrate its energy and resources in prosecuting those who are actually responsible for the scheme, accused proposes the following:

- a. to voluntarily enter a plea of guilt to the simple offense of simple **ESTAFA in both cases.**
- b. to pay entirety of the value of the check issued in his favor.

WHEREFORE, premises considered, it is most respectfully prayed of the Honorable Court to:

- 1) CONSOLIDATE the above-captioned cases, and

2) ALLOW and APPROVE accused's Motion to Enter into a Plea Bargaining Agreement, as described above.

Other relief just and equitable are likewise prayed for. Tuguegarao City. April 5, 2024.

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By:   
Public Attorney IV

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Asst. Senior City Prosecutor  
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