



Republic of the Philippines
Supreme Court
Office of the Court Administrator
Manila

CIRCULAR NO. 1-98

TO: ALL JUSTICES OF THE SANDIGANBAYAN, JUDGES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURTS, SHARIA DISTRICT COURTS, METROPOLITAN TRIAL COURTS, MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT IN CITIES, MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURTS, SHARIA CIRCUIT COURTS AND MUNICIPAL CIRCUIT TRIAL COURTS.

SUBJECT: ISSUANCE OF COURT PROCESSES RELATIVE RECORDS ON FIREARMS AND EXPLOSIVES

PNP Director General Recaredo A. Sarmiento II has brought to this Court's attention the present practice of courts in issuing summonses and other processes addressed to the Chief of the Firearms and Explosives Division whereas the information sought to be obtained is under the immediate custody of the Chief of the Records Branch of the Firearms and Explosives Division.

Considering that it is the personnel of the Records Branch that invariably attend court hearings to testify on whether a person is a licensed firearm holder and other related matters, all summonses and processes seeking to establish official records or information regarding firearms and explosives shall be addressed to "The Chief, Records Branch, Firearms and Explosives Division."

Please be guided accordingly.

January 2, 1998

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