



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

CIRCULAR NO. 51-97

**TO : ALL CLERKS OF COURT OF THE METROPOLITAN TRIAL COURTS , MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURTS IN CITIES , MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURTS , AND MUNICIPAL CIRCUIT TRIAL COURTS .**

**SUBJECT : REPORT OF CASES ON VIOLATION OF TRAFFIC LAWS , RULES AND REGULATIONS ORDAINED UNDER R.A. 4136 , as AMENDED**

The fatal vehicular incidents that occurred on the same day on June 22, 1996 in Gumaca , Quezon and Leyte , wherein more than thirty (30) persons died , prompted President Fidel V. Ramos to send written instructions to Assistant Secretary Manuel F. Bruan, Head of the Land Transportation Office (LTO) " to institute stricter measures to improve public safety on roads especially Vehicle and Driver safety . "


Although such serious vehicular accidents usually wind up in Courts , and the guilty party meted the penal sanction , nonetheless the accessory penalty as to whether the driver's license would be revoked or suspended would suffer the fate of oblivion . The principal cause is the failure of Clerks of Court to furnish the LTO or its nearest agency a copy of the judgment of conviction or acquittal . Such lamentable state of complacency cannot be condoned.

Pursuant therefore to Sections 4 (d) , 8 and 58 in relation to Sections 16 , 27 and 29 of R. A. 4136 as amended , in order to achieve the objectives thereof , i. e . - of instilling traffic discipline and fulfilling vehicle safety , driver safety and road safety in our highways , upon request of Assistant Secretary Manuel F. Bruan , Head of the Local Transportation Office , you are hereby ordered :

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1. To submit by registered mail to the LTO , East Avenue , Quezon City, at the end of each month, a list of all cases , criminal or civil , involving violations of any provisions of the aforementioned Act or of other laws and ordinances relating to motor vehicles disposed of by your respective Courts during the month , indicating in each case , the name and address of the driver or owner of the vehicle , the number and date of issue of his license and/or of the Certificate of Registration of the vehicle and the offense of which the driver / owner was convicted or acquitted . Only positive reports including change in the status of previously reported cases are required . No report is necessary if there is no case filed or if there is no change in the status of previously reported cases .
  2. To forward by courier service to the nearest agency of LTO for suspension or revocation pursuant to Section 29 of the said Act , all licenses of drivers whose cases remain unsettled after fifteen (15) days from the date of apprehension .

Non-compliance herewith shall be treated as an administrative offense and dealt with accordingly .

July 15 , 1997

  
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