



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

CIRCULAR NO. 47 - 98

TO : ALL JUDGES AND CLERKS OF COURTS
OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURTS,
SHARI'A DISTRICT COURTS,
METROPOLITAN TRIAL COURTS,
MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURTS IN CITIES,
MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURTS, MUNICIPAL
CIRCUIT TRIAL COURTS AND SHARI'A
CIRCUIT COURTS.

SUBJECT : DISPOSITION OF FIREARM,
AMMUNITION OR EXPLOSIVE IN
CUSTODIA LEGIS

In an earlier issuance (CIR. NO. 2 dtd. 5/13/83), the Court directed all clerks of courts *"to turn over, effective immediately, to the nearest Constabulary Command all firearms in your custody after the cases involving such firearms shall have been terminated. In Metro Manila, the firearms may be turned over to the Firearms and Explosives Unit at Camp Crame, Quezon City, while in the provinces, the firearms may be turned over to the respective PC Provincial Commands."*

Recently, Roberto T. Lastimoso, Police Director, Acting Chief, PNP – Chairman, National Law Enforcement Coordinating Committee, requested that PNP CIR. NO. 5 Par. 6 (7) dtd. September 5, 1994, which reiterates in substance the preceding directive, be given widest dissemination to all courts.

In response, we are reproducing the pertinent portion of said Circular, as a reminder and for the information and guidance of all concerned:

"7. Firearms being used as evidence in courts will only be turned-in to FEO (now Firearms and Explosives Division) upon the termination of the cases or when it is no longer needed as evidence."

Strict compliance herewith is enjoined.

September 11, 1998.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, loopy initial 'A' followed by several horizontal strokes.

ALFREDO L. BENIPAYO
Court Administrator

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