



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 63 - 2021

TO: ALL JUDGES OF THE FIRST AND SECOND LEVEL COURTS

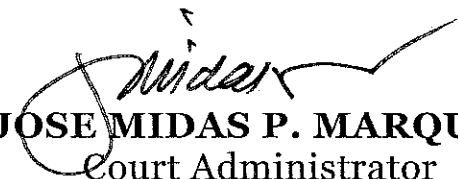
RE: RECOGNITION OF INITIAL FIREARMS RECORDS VERIFICATION ISSUED BY THE REGIONAL CIVIL SERVICE UNITS, CIVIL SECURITY GROUP

Acting on the letter of Philippine National Police (PNP) Chief Guillermo Lorenzo T. Eleazar, informing the Office of the Court Administrator that the "authority to issue the Initial Firearms Records Verification can be delegated to the (Regional Civil Security Units) to ensure that all requests nationwide will be catered without unnecessary delay," pursuant to NHQ-PNP General Order No. DPL-15-21, dated 5 April 2016, activating the Regional Civil Security Units (RCSUs), Civil Security Group (CSG) and NAPOLCOM Resolution Nos. 2016-247¹ and 2021-0418,² all first and second level courts are hereby directed to recognize and accept as supporting evidence the Initial Firearms Records Verification issued by the RCSU, CSG for purposes of determining probable cause under Sec. 5, Rule 112, Rules of Court.

However, the authority to issue the Certification of Firearms Records Verification required in court proceedings shall remain with the Records Section, Firearms Licensing Division, Firearms and Explosives Office, CSG. Accordingly, OCA Circular No. 11-2011, dated 18 January 2011, remains valid and in effect.

For the guidance and compliance of all concerned.

19 May 2021


JOSE MIDAS P. MARQUEZ
Court Administrator

¹ Approving the Activation of the Regional Civil Security Units in all Police Regional Office, dated 5 April 2016.

² Approving the Activation of the Regional Civil Security Unit-National Capital Region (RCSU-NCR), dated 15 April 2021.