

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

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TO

: ALL JUDGES AND CONCERNED PERSONNEL OF THE FIRST AND SECOND LEVEL COURTS

SUBJECT : REITERATION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ENHANCED E-WARRANT SYSTEM

According to the recent report of the Philippine National Police – Directorate for Investigation and Detective Management (PNP DIDM), the rate of arrest of wanted persons in the Philippines has increased since the implementation of the Enhanced e-Warrant System.* The data shows that the system is helpful in improving the PNP's arrest and crime solution efficiency, and in further enhancing the criminal justice system.

However, it has also come to the attention of this Office that there are still lower courts that resort to the manual process of issuing warrants of arrest. As such, all first and second level courts are hereby **REMINDED** to strictly implement and use the Enhanced e-Warrant System by electronically and accurately encoding, generating, and transmitting e-warrants through the said system. Furthermore, in case of approved bail or any other valid cause for the release of Persons Deprived of Liberty (PDLs), all courts are likewise **REMINDED** to update the status of the corresponding e-warrants in the system immediately to avoid unnecessary arrests.

For strict compliance.

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^{*} Re: Memorandum of Agreement on the Enhanced e-Warrant System, A.M. No. 20-07-11-SC, 28 July 2020.