

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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 265-2023

TO

ALL JUDGES OF THE FIRST AND SECOND

LEVEL COURTS

SUBJECT:

AMENDMENT OF PARAGRAPH 3, SECTION 4, RULE 2 OF THE RULES ON THE USE OF BODY-WORN CAMERAS IN THE EXECUTION

OF WARRANTS

In its Resolution dated 04 July 2023 in **A.M. No. 21-06-08-SC** (Re: Rules on the Use of Body-Worn Cameras in the Execution of Warrants), the Court en banc resolved to **AMEND** Paragraph 3, Section 4, Rule 2 of the "Rules on the Use of Body-Worn Cameras in the Execution of Warrants," thus:

If case of failure to execute the warrant of arrest, the officer to whom it was assigned for execution shall, within 10 days from such assignment, file a report stating the reasons for such failure. It is also the duty of the issuing judge to ascertain if the report filed under Section 4, Rule 113 of the Revised Rules of Criminal Procedure is accompanied by the required affidavits, and if none, to issue a show cause order against the responsible officer and to require the submission. If the officer fails to comply with such order, he or she may be held liable for contempt of court until the proper submission is made. (Amendment in bold)

For your information, guidance, and strict observance.

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AUL B. VILLANUEVA Court Administrator

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