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KAGAWARAN NG KATARUNGAN
Department of Justice
Manila

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DEPARTMENT CIRCULAR NO. 004

TO : ALL PROSECUTORS

**SUBJECT : AUTOMATIC REVIEW OF DISMISSED CASES INVOLVING
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9165 (COMPREHENSIVE DANGEROUS
DRUGS ACT OF 2002)**

In the interest of the service and pursuant to the provisions of existing laws, the dismissal of all cases whether on inquest, preliminary investigation, reinvestigation or on appeal, filed for violation of Republic Act No. 9165 (Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002) and involving the maximum penalty of *reclusion perpetua* or life imprisonment, shall be subject to automatic review by the Secretary of Justice.

The entire records of the case shall be elevated to the Secretary of Justice within three (3) days from issuance of the resolution dismissing the complaint or appeal, as applicable, and the parties involved shall be notified accordingly.

Notwithstanding the automatic review, respondent shall be immediately released from detention unless detained for other causes.

This Department Circular shall apply to all pending cases and to those which have been dismissed prior to the issuance hereof, if such dismissal has not yet attained finality as of the effectivity of this Circular.

This Department Order revokes all prior issuances inconsistent herewith and shall take effect immediately until revoked.

For strict compliance.

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All concerned.