



Post-Sentence Investigation

Investigation of Court Referrals

Objective:

To provide the courts with relevant information and judicious recommendations for the selection of offenders to be placed on probation

Scope and Beneficiaries:

All offenders except those entitled to the benefits under the provisions of Presidential Decree No. 603 and similar laws.

The post-sentence investigation of court referrals is a substantive area in the workload of the Department of Justice-Parole and Probation Administration (DOJ-PPA). The investigation of an applicant or petitioner for probation involves a thorough study of his criminal record, family history, educational background, married life, occupational record, interpersonal relationships and such other aspects of his/her life which may have a bearing in the assessment of his/her suitability for probation.

In this connection, the probation and parole officers conduct a records-check on the petitioner in the local police files, courts, National Bureau of Investigation (NBI), etc. Other sources of information such as relatives or neighbors are also consulted. In certain instances, the petitioner may also be asked to undergo a drug-dependency test or psychological evaluation to better assess his/her potential for rehabilitation.

