



## *Suspended Sentence Investigation*

### **Investigation of Dangerous Drugs Board Referrals**

#### *Objective:*

To provide the Dangerous Drugs Board (DDB) with relevant information and judicious recommendations for the selection of first-time minor drug offenders to be placed on suspended sentence

#### *Scope and Beneficiaries:*

All offenders who are over fifteen (15) years of age at the time they violated Section 11 or 15 of Republic Act. No. 9165, also known as the "Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002" but not more than eighteen (18) years of age at the time they are found guilty of said offense.

Pursuant to the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) entered into by DOJ-PPA with DDB, the Agency has an added task of conducting investigation of first-time minor drug offenders who apply for suspended sentence under Republic Act No. 9165.

This task involves the investigation and evaluation of all aspects of the client's life that will be a crucial factor in the grant or denial of suspended sentence. The Suspended Sentence Investigation Report (SSIR) shall contain, among others, a narration of the circumstances surrounding the offense committed by the offender; a statement as to whether or not a suspended sentence will benefit the offender; and a recommendation to either suspend the sentence and the attendant conditions therefor, or to deny the application.

