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Divisional Commanders &
Branch Officers/

CP's Circular No. 16 /2012

Communication of used and unused materials relating
to criminal cases lodged before the District Courts
to Defence Counsel by Police Prosecutors

CP's Circular No. 5/12 dated 24th January, 2012 refers.

2. The Director of Public Prosecutions has through a letter dated 26th July, 2012 drawn the attention of this Office that the Bar Association, has made representations regarding the communication of used and unused materials, relating to criminal cases lodged before the District Courts, to the Defence, following the issue of CP's Circular No. 5/12 on 24th January, 2012.


3. The Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) has brought clarifications over the matter as follows -

“ Cases which have been lodged before the District Court and which are due to be heard, the defence is entitled to communication of used materials including a copy of the statement of the complainant.”

4. Consequently, it is instructed that Divisional Police Prosecutors will arrange for the communication of brief (District Court cases) due to be heard, to the Defence at their own level, in a timely manner.

5. As regards criminal cases lodged before the Intermediate Court, the provisions as laid down in Circular Note No. 1 of 2012 (copy enclosed) issued by the DPP's Office will apply.

6. Divisional Commanders and Branch Officers are to bring the contents of this Order to the attention of all Police Prosecutors working under their orders for compliance.


D. I. Rampersad, GOSK, PMSM
Commissioner of Police

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02 August 2012

**The Chairman
Bar Council
Cathedral Square
Port Louis**

Dear Sir,

**Communication of used and unused materials relating to
Criminal cases.**

We wish to inform you that following representations made from the Bar Association in respect of communication of used and unused materials relating to Criminal Cases, the Commissioner of Police has been informed of the following-

- (a) Circular No. 1 of 2012 of this Office applies to cases lodged before the Intermediate Court.
- (b) As regards cases which have been lodged before the District Courts and which are due to be heard, the defence is entitled to communication of used materials including a copy of the statement of the complainant.
- (c) The communication of brief (District Court cases) will be dealt with at the level of the Police.

Yours Sincerely,



M.I. Maghooa

Ag. Director of Public Prosecutions