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**TO: CHIEF MAGISTRATE – CENTRAL
CHIEF MAGISTRATE – SOUTH
CHIEF MAGISTRATE – NORTH**

**PRACTICE DIRECTIVE ISSUED BY THE HONOURABLE
CHIEF JUSTICE FOR THE MAGISTRATES AND
COURT CLERKS**

Kindly be informed that His Lordship the Honourable Chief Justice has directed that, in all matters that are sent to the High Court for sentencing the magistrates should always leave first fair copies of the records filed in their respective courts. This measure is taken to curb an acute loss without replacement of records sent to the High Court for sentencing and therefore resulting in a miscarriage of justice and prejudice to accused persons.

The Magistrates always must also ensure that persons detailed to personally convey such records are equipped with a pro forma document needing to be filled as a form of a return of service and proof that the record delivered has been received by the High Court officials.

As an additional safety measure against prejudice to the accused persons Clerks of Court must routinely inquire about the fate of criminal sentences should two months of the dispatched record expire without the result being received at their stations.



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REGISTRAR OF THE HIGH COURT & COURT OF APPEAL (a.i)