

**Letterhead of the Judicial Branch
COURT OF GUARANTEES
FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF PANAMA**

Panama, January 7, 2023
Official Notice No. 725

Ms. MICHELLE ARANGO
Secretary-General
superintendency of Banks of Panama

Dear Ms. Arango:

I would like to inform you that, following the hearing conducted on January 7, 2023, within case 201700050000, I, the undersigned Magistrate of Guarantees of the First Judicial Circuit of Panama, with the prior approval of the Plea Bargain between the parties, issued Court Ruling No. 40. This ruling declares **MR. ANTONIO RÍOS VERGARA**, holder of personal identification card No. **8-700-882**, **CRIMINALLY LIABLE** as the MASTERMIND of the crime of USING FORGED FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS, as outlined in articles 244 of the Criminal Code. He has been CONVICTED to the primary penalty of FORTY-EIGHT (48) MONTHS IN PRISON. This prison sentence has been replaced by one hundred (100) penalty-days at five balboas (B/.5.00) per day, totaling FIVE HUNDRED BALBOAS (B/.500.00), to be paid to the National Treasury in twelve months.

As an ACCESSORY PENALTY MR. ANTONIO RÍOS VERGARA is BARRED FROM HOLDING POSITIONS IN FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS for the same period as the primary penalty once the primary penalty is served.

This information is communicated so that the corresponding procedures can be conducted.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed)

IRMA V. PALACIOS A.

Magistrate of Guarantees of the
First Judicial Circuit of Panama

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