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FROM: Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services

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The Honorable Chair William C. (Will) Smith, Jr. Judicial Proceedings Committee
Miller Senate Office Building, 2 East Wing
11 Bladen Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

The Honorable Chair Luke H. Clippinger Judiciary Committee House Office Building, Room 101 6 Bladen Street Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: Reported required by Criminal Procedure Article § 2-404 (MSAR #12655)

Dear Chairs:

Chapters 359 and 360 of Criminal Procedure Article § 2-404 (2008) established a state policy in which a law enforcement units using one or more interrogation rooms with the capability to create audio and/or visual recordings of custodial interrogations shall make reasonable efforts to record interrogations of suspects in connection with cases of murder, rape, or sexual offenses in the first or second degree. It also required the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services (Office)² to submit a report to the House Judiciary Committee and the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee by December 31, 2009, and annually thereafter, as it relates to the progress of jurisdictions and the Department of State Police in establishing interrogation rooms capable of creating audiovisual recordings of custodial interrogations. Please accept this letter as fulfillment of the required report.

For the 2022 reporting period, the Office received interrogation room information from law enforcement agencies in Maryland, and compiled the information into a filterable data display, titled *Interrogation Room Survey Dashboard*. To view the *Interrogation Room Survey Dashboard* and its interactive capabilities, please visit the Office's website at: http://goccp.maryland.gov/data-dashboards/interrogation-room-survey-dashboard/.

¹ Maryland General Assembly. (2008). <u>Chapter 359 of 2008 (Senate Bill 76)</u>, <u>Criminal Procedure - Custodial Interrogation - Recordation</u>. Maryland General Assembly. (2008). <u>Chapter 360 of 2008 (House Bill 6)</u>, <u>Criminal Procedure - Custodial Interrogation - Recordation</u>.

² Maryland General Assembly. (2020). <u>Chapter 11. Acts of 2020</u>. In March 2020, the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention was renamed the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services.

Should you have any questions relating to the information provided, please feel free to contact me at 410-697-9338.

Sincerely,

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cc: Sarah Albert, Department of Legislative Services (5 copies)