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**REPORT ON WIRETAPPING AND ELECTRONIC
SURVEILLANCE PURSUANT TO SEC. 10-409 (C) OF THE
COURTS ARTICLE**

February 25, 2009

**TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND:**

This is the thirty-second report submitted pursuant to section 10-409(c) of the Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article. The report covers Calendar Year 2008.

The requests for electronic surveillance have decreased since Calendar Year 2007. The number of intercepts and conversations of individuals intercepted have also decreased during that period. During the same time, however, the number of incriminating intercepts and the number of arrests have increased. During 2008 there were eighty-nine (89) requests for electronic surveillance compared to one-hundred and eighteen (118) requests in Calendar Year 2007, representing a decrease of approximately 25 percent. Five jurisdictions requested authorization for electronic surveillance during Calendar Year 2008, including thirty-six (36) requests from Baltimore County, twenty-seven (27) requests from Baltimore City, seventeen (17) requests from Harford County, six requests from Cecil County, and three requests from Howard County. Several investigations were the result of multiple wiretaps, as indicated in the accompanying tables.

Thirty-six (36) of the surveillance requested during Calendar Year 2008 involved investigations pertaining to conspiracy. Twenty-five (25) requests pertained to narcotics, and twenty-one (21) related to the violation of controlled dangerous substance law. Other categories of

offenses with requests for surveillance included murder (4), and trafficking of controlled dangerous substances (3).

Cellular phones comprised one hundred percent of surveillance devices used during Calendar Year 2008. There were no requests for land lines or microphone taps. Thus, there were no locations noted other than cellular phones.

There were 173,120 total communications intercepted, including 21,205 that were of an incriminating nature. This compares to 247,049 communications intercepted and 19,765 incriminating intercepts during Calendar year 2007. The conversations of 6,562 individuals were intercepted during the surveillance. While the results of 10 investigations are still pending, thus far there have been a total of 44 arrests. Overall, \$2,758,745. was spent on electronic surveillance personnel and resource costs during Calendar Year 2008, compared to the previous year's total of \$4,786,520. The cost of two investigations in Baltimore City conducted during the Calendar Year will be provided at the conclusion of ongoing investigations. The greatest amount of money expended on a single electronic surveillance was reported by Baltimore County with \$1,050,000 on multiple wiretaps. A second investigation in Baltimore County was the next most costly, totaling \$416,668. Other investigations in Baltimore City, Cecil, Harford and Howard Counties ranged in total cost from \$106,101 to \$293,000.

A detailed breakdown of each request is attached. Corresponding numbers are used to relate reports submitted by prosecuting officials to those submitted by judges.

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosures

**WIRETAPPING AND ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE PURSUANT TO SEC. 10-409(c) OF THE COURTS ARTICLE
JANUARY 1 - DECEMBER 31, 2008**

REPORTS BY PROSECUTING OFFICERS										
Reporting Number	Number of Days in Operation	Average Number of Intercepts Per Day	Number of			Costs		Number of		
			Intercepts	Conversations of Individuals Intercepted	Incriminating Intercepts	Total Cost(\$)/Non-Personnel Cost(\$)	Persons Arrested	Trials	Motions to Suppress Intercepts	Persons Convicted
Baltimore City										
1	51	0.0	0	0	0	Pending (7)	Pending	Pending		
2	51	0.0	0	0	0					
3	37	0.0	0	0	0					
4	37	0.0	0	0	0					
5	8	0.0	0	0	0					
6	8	0.0	0	0	0					
7	8	0.0	0	0	0					
8	35	198.6	6,950	152	961	\$196,980 (11)	\$71,300	5	0	0
9	57	45.3	2,581	27	325					
10	45	59.7	2,685	97	213					
11	51	52.8	2,693	40	227					
12	14	6.0	84	41	1					
13	23	186.2	4,283	45	444					
14	30	4.1	124	22	8					
15	30	30.9	928	43	161					
16	21	94.0	1,974	24	375					
17	21	10.4	218	112	0					
18	24	58.9	1,413	40	203					
19	56	46.5	2,602	152	165	\$127,496 (8)	\$15,264	7	0	Pending
20	59	96.8	5,711	102	529					
21	78	117.5	9,168	85	1244					
22	43	61.4	2,640	121	66					
23	22	31.5	694	33	45					
24	56	70.9	3,973	89	255					
25	30	38.9	1,166	170	101					
26	27	7.9	212	46	16					
27	17	59.2	1,007	218	117	Pending (1)	Pending			

Baltimore County								
1	54	71.4	3,853	112	642	\$1,050,000 (27)	\$50,000	Pending
2	67	34.5	2,312	79	452			
3	67	35.2	2,358	112	259			
4	58	108.0	6,262	215	520			
5	58	12.1	702	71	121			
6	30	43.2	1,296	53	253			
7	15	7.2	108	17	38			
8	30	50.1	1,502	69	63			
9	56	71.7	4,017	160	417			
10	27	28.2	761	73	121			
11	30	4.5	135	35	1			
12	41	6.1	250	29	45			
13	2	20.5	41	5	0			
14	28	20.6	577	33	101			
15	43	3.5	149	23	11			
16	43	45.1	1,939	73	45			
17	26	169.8	4,416	210	41			
18	21	0.1	3	0	0			
19	21	0.2	5	0	0			
20	24	19.3	464	99	79			
21	26	1.8	47	8	5			
22	24	24.5	587	41	224			
23	16	1.8	29	4	5			
24	10	7.2	72	20	29			
25	1	4.0	4	1	0			
26	5	41.2	206	38	16			
27	4	5.5	22	4	6			
28	58	162.0	9,396	282	658	\$416,668 (9)	\$5,000	Pending
29	30	95.4	2,861	174	317			
30	30	70.9	2,128	60	178			
31	30	67.5	2,026	158	137			
32	30	126.9	3,808	259	287			
33	10	3.3	33	2	10			
34	30	239.8	7,195	271	1299			
35	12	153.8	1,846	44	75			
36	20	108.9	2,177	231	164			

Cecil County										
1	30	361.8	10,854	399	2210	\$194,000 (3)	\$5,000.00	4	2	Pending
2	30	100.4	3,011	253	408					
3	30	77.8	2,333	185	333					
4	26	210.2	5,464	229	743	\$192,500 (3)	\$5,000.00	1	Pending	
5	25	98.4	2,461	113	260					
6	23	137.0	3152	196	624					
Harford County										
1	56	35.4	1,982	14	369	\$106,101 (5)	\$24,820	Pending		
2	57	38.3	2,184	21	282					
3	43	12.7	546	12	115					
4	36	2.2	78	4	25					
5	6	2.8	17	3	1					
6	45	169.3	7,618	36	893	\$182,000 (12)	\$32,000	23	Pending	
7	10	16.4	164	21	20					
8	20	62.3	1,246	16	178					
9	7	3.4	24	6	3					
10	18	83.6	1,505	28	218					
11	31	58.4	1,810	34	395					
12	30	89.2	2,677	48	137					
13	34	40.5	1,377	16	313					
14	30	10.8	323	12	27					
15	38	49.4	1,877	48	267					
16	53	54.2	2,871	43	247					
17	22	43.4	954	31	158					
Howard County										
1	52	35.7	1,856	40	510	\$293,000 (3)	\$6,000	4	Pending	
2	20	73.5	1,469	20	283					
3	12	47.8	574	10	111					

2-9 These figures represent related wiretaps that resulted in a single investigation.

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JANUARY 1 - DECEMBER 31, 2008**

REPORTS BY JUDGES										
Reporting Number*	Court	Official Authorizing Application	Offense Specified	Type of Intercept	Location	Date of Application	Original Order (Days)	Number of Extensions	Total Length (Days)	
Baltimore City										
1	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Murder	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	11/10/2008	30	1	60	Russell
2	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Murder	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	11/10/2008	30	1	60	
3	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	CDS Trafficking	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	11/25/2008	30	0	30	
4	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	CDS Trafficking	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	11/25/2008	30	1	60	
5	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	CDS Trafficking	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	11/23/2008	30	0	30	
6	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Murder	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	11/23/2008	30	0	30	
7	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	CDS Distribution	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	11/23/2008	30	0	30	Howard
8	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	6/4/2008	30	1	35	
9	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	6/4/2008	30	1	57	
10	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	6/16/2008	30	1	45	
11	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	6/16/2008	30	1	51	
12	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	7/2/2008	30	0	14	
13	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	7/8/2008	30	0	23	
14	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	7/14/2008	30	0	30	
15	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	7/14/2008	30	0	30	
16	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	8/1/2008	30	0	21	
17	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	8/1/2008	30	0	21	Cox
18	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	8/19/2008	30	0	24	
19	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	6/3/2008	30	1	56	
20	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	6/16/2008	30	1	59	
21	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	6/30/2008	30	2	78	
22	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	6/30/2008	30	1	43	
23	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	6/30/2008	30	0	22	Glynn
24	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	7/22/2008	30	1	56	
25	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	7/22/2008	30	0	30	
26	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	8/28/2008	30	0	27	
27	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Murder	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	11/18/2008	30	0	17	

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Reporting Number*	Court	Official Authorizing Application	Offense Specified	Type of Intercept	Location	Date of Application	Original Order (Days)	Number of Extensions	Total Length (Days)
Baltimore County									
1	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Conspiracy	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	3/21/2008	30	1	54
2	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Conspiracy	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	3/21/2008	30	1	67
3	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Conspiracy	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	3/21/2008	30	1	67
4	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Conspiracy	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	4/1/2008	30	1	58
5	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Conspiracy	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	4/1/2008	30	1	58
6	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Conspiracy	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	3/31/2008	30	0	30
7	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Conspiracy	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone		30	0	15
8	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Conspiracy	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone		30	0	30
9	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Conspiracy	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	4/22/2008	30	1	56
10	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Conspiracy	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	4/25/2008	30	0	27
11	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Conspiracy	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	4/28/2008	30	0	30
12	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Conspiracy	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	4/18/2008	30	1	41
13	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Conspiracy	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	5/19/2008	30	0	2
14	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Conspiracy	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	5/20/2008	30	0	28
15	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Conspiracy	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	5/29/2008	30	1	43
16	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Conspiracy	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	5/29/2008	30	1	43
17	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Conspiracy	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	5/29/2008	30	0	26
18	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Conspiracy	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	6/17/2008	30	0	21
19	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Conspiracy	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	6/17/2008	30	0	21
20	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Conspiracy	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	6/17/2008	30	0	24
21	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Conspiracy	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	6/16/2008	30	0	26
22	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Conspiracy	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	6/17/2008	30	0	24
23	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Conspiracy	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	6/26/2008	30	0	16
24	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Conspiracy	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	7/1/2008	30	0	10
25	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Conspiracy	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	7/7/2008	30	0	1
26	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Conspiracy	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	7/7/2008	30	0	5
27	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Conspiracy	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	7/7/2008	30	0	4
28	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Conspiracy	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	10/23/2007	30	1	58
29	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Conspiracy	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	10/23/2007	30	0	30
30	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Conspiracy	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	11/1/2007	30	0	30
31	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Conspiracy	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	11/1/2007	30	0	30
32	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Conspiracy	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	11/19/2007	30	0	30
33	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Conspiracy	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	11/19/2007	10	0	10
34	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Conspiracy	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	12/4/2007	30	1	30
35	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Conspiracy	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	1/3/2008	12	0	12
36	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Conspiracy	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	1/3/2008	20	0	20

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Reporting Number*	Court	Official Authorizing Application	Offense Specified	Type of Intercept	Location	Date of Application	Original Order (Days)	Number of Extensions	Total Length (Days)	
Cecil County										
1	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	5/2/2008	30	0	30	Lidums
2	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	6/16/2008	30	0	30	
3	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	6/16/2008	30	0	30	
4	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	6/19./2008	30	0	30	
5	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	7/2/2008	30	0	30	
6	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	7/15/2008	30	0	30	
Harford County										
1	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	CDS Distribution	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	10/7/2008	30	2	56	Eaves
2	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	CDS Distribution	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	10/7/2008	30	2	57	
3	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	CDS Distribution	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	10/21/028	30	1	43	
4	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	CDS Distribution	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	10/30/2008	30	1	36	
5	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	CDS Distribution	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	10/28/2008	30	0	6	
6	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	CDS Distribution	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	1/22/2008	30	1	45	Waldron
7	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	CDS Distribution	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	2/27/2008	30	0	10	
8	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	CDS Distribution	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	2/29/2008	30	0	20	
9	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	CDS Distribution	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	2/29/2008	30	0	7	
10	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	CDS Distribution	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	2/19/2008	30	0	18	
11	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	CDS Distribution	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	2/6/2008	30	1	31	
12	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	CDS Distribution	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	2/3/2008	30	1	30	
13	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	CDS Distribution	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	2/3/2008	30	1	34	
14	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	CDS Distribution	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	2/3/2008	30	0	30	
15	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	CDS Distribution	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	1/23/2008	30	2	38	
16	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	CDS Distribution	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	1/22/2008	30	2	53	
17	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	CDS Distribution	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	1/22/2008	30	0	22	
Howard County										
1	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	CDS Distribution	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	10/29/2008	30	1	30	Gelfman
2	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	CDS Distribution	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	11/26/2008	30	0	30	
3	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	CDS Distribution	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	12/8/2008	30	0	30	

Statewide Summary of Wiretapping and Electronic Surveillance for January 1 - December 31, 2008

Offense	Number (%)
Conspiracy	36 (40.4%)
Narcotics	25 (28.1%)
CDS Distribution	21 (23.6%)
Murder	4 (4.5%)
CDS Trafficking	3 (3.4%)
Total	89

Location	Number (%)
Cellular Phone	89 (100%)
Total	89

Number of Arrests	44 *
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Intercept Information	Number
Intercepts	173,120
Incriminating Intercepts	21,205
Conversations of Individuals Intercepted	6,562

Type of Device	Number (%)
Cellular Phone	89 (100%)
Total	89

* There are arrests still pending