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

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This is the thirty-third report submitted pursuant to section 10-409(c) of the Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article. The report covers Calendar Year 2010.

The requests for electronic surveillance have increased since Calendar Year 2009. The number of intercepts and conversations of individuals intercepted have also increased during that period. During 2010 there were sixty-seven (67) requests for electronic surveillance compared to forty-five (45) requests in Calendar Year 2009, representing an increase of approximately 48 percent. Seven (7) jurisdictions requested authorization for electronic surveillance during Calendar Year 2010, including thirty-two (32) requests from Baltimore County, twenty-three (23) requests from Baltimore City, four (4) requests from Prince George's County, three (3) requests from Frederick County, two (2) requests from Anne Arundel County, two (2) requests from Cecil County, and one (1) request from Allegany County. Several investigations were the result of multiple wiretaps, as indicated in the accompanying tables. Thirty-two (32) of the surveillances requested during Calendar Year 2010 involved investigations pertaining to conspiracy; and twenty-nine (29) requests pertained to narcotics. Other categories of offenses with requests for surveillance included murder (4), rape (1), and robbery (1).

Cellular phones comprised one hundred percent of surveillance devices used during Calendar Year 2010, (sixty-seven requests).

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There were 140,822 total communications intercepted, including 17,225 that were of an incriminating nature. This compares to 83,606 communications intercepted and 9,588 incriminating intercepts during Calendar year 2009. The conversations of 10,974 individuals were intercepted during the surveillance. Altogether, there were 10 investigations. While the results of eight (8) investigations are still pending, thus far there have been a total of thirty (30) arrests. Overall, \$284,187 was reportedly spent on electronic surveillance personnel and resource costs during Calendar Year 2010, compared to the previous year's total of \$691,457. (It should be noted that costs for four (4) investigations were not reported by the law enforcement agency.) The greatest amount of money expended on a single electronic surveillance was reported by Baltimore County with \$128,000 on multiple wiretaps. An investigation in Cecil County was the next most costly, totaling \$117,168. Other investigations in Allegany, Baltimore City, and Frederick Counties ranged in total cost from \$8,100 to \$100,000. No supplemental reports updating results of pending investigations from prior years were submitted.

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, 2010**

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
<b>Allegany County</b>											
1	30	238	7,140	6267	1423	\$100,000	\$0	8	pending	pending	pending
			7,140	6,267	1,423						
<b>Baltimore City</b>											
1	30	83.5	2,504	172	191	Pending	Pending	Pending	Pending	Pending	Pending
2	30	12.8	383	61	48						
3	29	20.9	587	99	62						
4	69	64.5	4,451	211	972						
5	56	69.0	3,866	149	532						
6	14	0.7	10	1	0						
7	26	1.7	45	10	0						
8	56	85.2	4,772	157	545						
9	30	67.8	2,035	204	226						
10	57	170.8	9,730	189	922						
11	24	159.2	3,820	100	187						
12	12	380.0	4,561	357	493						
13	30	3.2	97	Unavailable	4	Pending	Pending	Pending	Pending	Pending	Pending
14	30	108.7	3,262	179	162						
15	24	3.0	73	14	32						
16	24	0.5	13	2	3						
17	84	87.7	7,363	286	447						
18	30	126.7	3,891	203	295						
19	55	175.5	9,651	277	728	\$53,087	22	Pending	Pending	Pending	
20	21	144.3	3030	265	147						
21	35	130.3	4,526	265	157						
22	25	16.0	401	40	35						
23	17	122.4	2,081	94	150						
			71,152	3,335	6338						

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<b>Baltimore County</b>											
1	61	82.4	5,027	170	468	\$51,300	\$33,000	Pending	Pending	Pending	Pending
2	61	4.7	288	13	130						
3	28	3.7	1,024	62	253						
4	8	0.0	0	0	0						
5	41	1.9	78	5	18						
6	8	14.6	117	12	0						
7	28	28.8	807	19	501						
8	34	91.3	3,105	86	270						
9	34	3.3	11	13	46						
10	41	25.3	1,038	27	335						
11	17	13.8	235	21	70						
12	26	2.0	51	3	16						
13	13	20.0	260	22	30						
14	7	0.0	0	0	0						
15	20	59.5	1,189	28	81						
16	28	11.9	332	21	109						
17	0	0.0	0	0	0						
18	18	3.7	66	3	19						
19	2	0.0	0	0	0						
20	12	4.2	50	5	14						
21	30	0.0	0	0	0						
22	57	44.6	2,542	87	149	\$128,000	\$8,000	Pending	Pending	Pending	Pending
23	16	13.5	162	22	14						
24	55	13.9	762	64	191						
25	48	107.7	5,168	85	288						
26	43	9.9	425	23	52						
27	16	24.6	394	23	40						
28	56	66.3	3,715	127	236						
29	55	2.2	119	11	11						
30	19	7.7	147	18	8						
31	35	56.0	1,959	93	88						
32	29	70.7	2,051	19	49						
			31,122	1,082	3486						

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<b>Cecil County</b>											
1	44	219.0	9,638	445	1,376	117,168	5,168	Pending	Pending	Pending	Pending
2	34	269.1	9,148	398	3,791						
			<b>18,786</b>	<b>843</b>	<b>5,167</b>						
<b>Frederick County</b>											
1	30	350.4	10,512	227	620	\$27,100	\$2,100	Pending	Pending	Pending	Pending
2	9	56.2	506	34	15	\$6,600	\$2,100	Pending	Pending	Pending	Pending
3	9	178.2	1,604	29	176	\$8,100	\$2,100	Pending	Pending	Pending	Pending
			<b>12,622</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>811</b>						

140,822      10,974      17,225

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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)
<b>Allegany County</b>									
1	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	11/22/2010	30	1	30
<b>Anne Arundel County</b>									
1	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Rape	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	10/20/2010	5	0	5
2	Circuit Court	Law Enforcement	Murder	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	10/21/2010	1	0	1
<b>Baltimore City</b>									
1	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	9/30/2010	30	1	36
2	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	9/30/2010	30	0	30
3	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	10/6/2010	30	0	29
4	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	10/13/2010	30	2	69
5	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	10/21/2010	30	2	56
6	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	11/5/2010	30	0	14
7	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	11/5/2010	30	0	26
8	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	11/5/2010	30	2	56
9	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	11/16/2010	30	0	30
10	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	11/5/2010	30	2	57
11	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	12/8/2010	30	1	24
12	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	12/20/2010	30	0	12
13	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	5/26/2010	30	0	30
14	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	5/26/2010	30	0	30
15	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	6/8/2010	30	0	24
16	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	6/22/2010	30	0	24
17	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	3/25/2010	30	3	84
18	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	3/25/2010	30	1	30
19	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	4/1/2010	30	2	55
20	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	4/21/2010	30	0	21
21	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	5/13/2010	30	1	35
22	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	5/13/2010	30	0	25
23	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	6/1/2010	30	0	17

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<b>Baltimore County</b>									
1	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Conspiracy	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	10/1/2010	30	2	61
2	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Conspiracy	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	10/1/2010	30	2	61
3	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Conspiracy	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	10/14/2010	30	0	28
4	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Conspiracy	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	10/21/2010	30	0	30
5	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Conspiracy	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	10/21/2010	30	1	41
6	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Conspiracy	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	10/21/2010	30	0	8
7	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Conspiracy	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	10/14/2010	30	0	28
8	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Conspiracy	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	10/28/2010	30	1	34
9	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Conspiracy	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	10/28/2010	30	1	34
10	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Conspiracy	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	10/25/2010	30	1	41
11	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Conspiracy	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	10/25/2010	30	0	17
12	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Conspiracy	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	10/28/2010	30	0	26
13	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Conspiracy	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	10/29/2010	30	0	13
14	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Conspiracy	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	11/10/2010	30	0	7
15	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Conspiracy	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	11/10/2010	30	0	20
16	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Conspiracy	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	11/3/2010	30	1	28
17	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Conspiracy	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	11/12/2010	30	0	0
18	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Conspiracy	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	11/12/2010	30	0	18
19	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Conspiracy	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	11/15/2010	30	0	2
20	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Conspiracy	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	11/19/2010	30	0	12
21	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Conspiracy	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	5/24/2010	30	0	30
22	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Conspiracy	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	5/24/2010	30	1	57
23	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Conspiracy	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	5/24/2010	30	0	30
24	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Conspiracy	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	5/26/2010	30	1	55
25	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Conspiracy	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	6/2/2010	30	1	48
26	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Conspiracy	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	6/7/2010	30	1	43
27	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Conspiracy	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	6/14/2010	30	0	16
28	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Conspiracy	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	6/22/2010	30	1	56
29	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Conspiracy	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	6/23/2010	30	1	55
30	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Conspiracy	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	6/25/2010	30	0	19
31	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Conspiracy	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	7/13/2010	30	1	35
32	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Conspiracy	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	7/19/2010	30	0	29

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<b>Cecil County</b>									
1	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	10/5/2010	30	1	44
2	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	10/13/2010	30	1	34
<b>Frederick County</b>									
1	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	4/7/2010	30	0	30
2	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	12/7/2010	30	0	9
3	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	12/7/2010	30	0	9
<b>Prince George's County</b>									
1	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Murder	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	6/11/2010	90	0	90
2	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Murder	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	6/11/2010	90	0	90
3	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Murder	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	6/11/2010	90	0	90
4	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Robbery/Assault	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	3/23/2010	90	0	90

Reports from judges in Anne Arundel and Prince George's, Counties had no corresponding reports from law enforcement agencies.

**Statewide Summary of Wiretapping and Electronic Surveillance for January 1 - December 31, 2010**

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<b>Offense</b>	<b>Number (%)</b>
Conspiracy	32 (48%)
Narcotics	29 (43%)
CDS Distribution	0 (0%)
Murder	4 (6%)
Robbery	1 (1.5%)
Rape	1(1.5%)
<b>Total</b>	<b>67</b>

<b>Location</b>	<b>Number (%)</b>
Cellular Phone	67 (100%)
<b>Total</b>	

<b>Number of Arrests</b>	<b>30*</b>

<b>Intercept Information</b>	<b>Number</b>
Intercepts	140,822
Incriminating Intercepts	17,225
Conversations of Individuals Intercepted	10,974

<b>Type of Device</b>	<b>Number (%)</b>
Cellular Phone	67 (100%)
<b>Total</b>	<b>67</b>

\* There are arrests still pending