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

**March 1, 2012**

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

This is the thirty-fourth report submitted pursuant to section 10-409(c) of the Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article. The report covers Calendar Year 2011.

During 2011 there were sixty-eight (68) requests for electronic surveillance. This was similar to CY 2010 during which there were sixty-seven (67) requests. Eight (8) jurisdictions requested authorization for electronic surveillance during Calendar Year 2011, including twenty-six (26) requests from Harford County, thirteen (13) requests from Baltimore City, nine (9) requests from Prince George's County, six (6) requests from Talbot County, five (5) requests from Frederick County, five (5) requests from Howard County, two (2) requests from Cecil County, and two (2) requests from Wicomico 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 2011 involved investigations pertaining to narcotics; and twenty-six (26) requests related to the violation of controlled dangerous substance law. Other categories of offenses with requests for surveillance included murder (4), robbery (4), rape (1) and one (1) unreported. Cellular phones comprised one hundred percent of intercepted devices during Calendar Year 2011, (sixty-eight requests).

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There were 110,832 total communications intercepted, including 24,252 that were of an incriminating nature. This compares to 140,822 communications intercepted and 17,225 incriminating intercepts during Calendar Year 2010. The conversations of 3,253 individuals were intercepted during the surveillance. Altogether, there were 12 investigations. While the results of eleven (11) investigations are still pending, thus far there have been a total of one hundred-nine (109) arrests. Overall, \$862,538 was reportedly spent on electronic surveillance personnel and resource costs during Calendar Year 2011, compared to the previous year's total of \$284,187. (This amount does not include any cost of surveillance in Prince George's and Talbot Counties as law enforcement agencies did not report this information.) The greatest amount of money expended on a single electronic surveillance was reported by Howard County with \$210,824 on multiple wiretaps. An investigation in Harford County was the next most costly, totaling \$189,000. Other investigations in Baltimore City, Frederick and Wicomico Counties ranged in total cost from \$3,549 to \$59,124. 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, 2011**

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>Baltimore City</b>											
1	10	205.3	2,053	228	195	\$3,549	\$2,775	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
2	18	219.5	3,951	224	100		\$552	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
3	61	40.5	2,472	60	190	\$13,975	\$2,580	11	n/a	11	na
4	6	28.3	173	25	8		\$375				
5	61	46.0	2,804	69	169		\$1,225				
6	32	48.1	1,540	67	77		\$1,290				
7	13	91.6	1,191	28	2		\$505				
8	49	84.3	4,130	133	996	\$1,592	\$59,124	65	n/a	33	32
9	53	70.4	3,732	101	710	\$2,860					
10	34	91.5	3,112	210	449	\$872					
11	31	56.0	1,735	137	121	\$722					
12	22	83.5	1,836	69	291	\$1,060					
			<b>28,729</b>	<b>1,351</b>	<b>3308</b>						
<b>Cecil County</b>											
1	26	98.0	2,547	205	704	\$56,160	0	5	Pending	5	Pending
2	20	38.8	776	78	74	\$53,200	\$10,000				
			<b>3,323</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>778</b>						
<b>Frederick County</b>											
1	30	34.7	1041	20	27	\$58,800	\$1,200	7	n/a	n/a	n/a
2	30	16.7	501	4	0						
3	27	224.3	6,056	103	1165						
4	30	181.0	5,431	140	1077						
5	15	239.2	3,588	113	200						
			<b>16,617</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>2,469</b>						

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<b>Harford County</b>											
1	11	187.5	2062	35	1755	\$127,900	\$3,200	Pending	Pending	Pending	Pending
2	35	239.5	8,382	31	6245						
3	15	145.0	2,175	21	1347						
4	15	1.3	20	5	0						
5	45	160.0	7,195	37	1940						
6	15	2.8	42	5	1	\$189,000	\$64,000	Pending	Pending	Pending	Pending
7	55	51.4	2,828	21	163						
8	57	20.1	1,143	29	38						
9	29	140.2	4,067	38	39						
10	24	144.4	3,466	21	858						
11	30	77.4	2,322	16	57						
12	29	0.8	22	10	0						
13	19	85.4	1,622	17	250						
14	26	33.2	862	18	360						
15	49	39.3	125	39	160						
16	48	73.0	3,503	38	244						
17	15	167.5	2,512	35	10						
18	16	74.4	1,191	25	106						
19	1	18.0	18	4	0						
20	18	13.4	242	15	19						
21	1	11.0	11	2	1						
22	29	25.3	733	15	126						
23	10	18.9	189	12	111						
24	16	11.0	174	7	101						
25	57	172.0	9,789	8	568	\$30,055	\$2,250	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
			<b>54,695</b>	<b>504</b>	<b>14,499</b>						
<b>Howard County</b>											
1	41	27.9	1,142	262	843	\$210,824	\$6,500	21	Pending	21	Pending
2	29	1.2	35	27	21						
3	28	32.5	909	59	477						
4	28	35.1	983	126	428						
5	24	78.0	1,867	126	854						
			<b>4,936</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>2623</b>						
<b>Wicomico County</b>											
1	6	86.5	519	54	97	\$16,500	\$1,500	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
2	38	53.0	2,013	81	478	\$47,000	\$2,000	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
			<b>2,532</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>575</b>						

110,832                      3,253                      24,252                      \$862,538                      \$107,058                      109                      n/a                      70                      32

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JANUARY 1 - DECEMBER 31, 2011**

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>Baltimore City</b>									
1	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	3/3/2011	30	1	61
2	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	3/3/2011	30	0	6
3	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	3/11/2011	30	1	61
4	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	4/1/2011	30	0	32
5	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	4/1/2011	30	0	13
6	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Violence/ Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	4/8/2011	30	0	10
7	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Violence/ Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	4/20/2011	30	0	18
8	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	4/8/2011	11	1	21
9	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	1/5/2011	30	1	49
10	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	1/18/2011	30	1	53
11	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	2/2/2011	30	1	34
12	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	2/7/2011	30	0	31
13	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	2/18/2011	30	0	22
<b>Cecil County</b>									
1	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	4/19/2011	20	0	20
2	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	6/2/2011	26	0	26
<b>Frederick County</b>									
1	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	9/28/2011	30	0	30
2	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	9/28/2011	30	0	30
3	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	10/27/2011	30	0	27
4	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	11/7/2011	30	0	30
5	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	11/7/2011	30	0	15

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<b>Harford County</b>									
1	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	PWI/Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	4/7/2011	30	0	11
2	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	PWI/Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	3/8/2011	30	1	35
3	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	PWI/Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	2/28/2011	30	0	15
4	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	PWI/Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	2/28/2011	30	1	45
5	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	CDS	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	9/19/2011	30	0	15
6	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	CDS	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	8/22/2011	30	1	55
7	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	CDS	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	8/22/2011	30	1	57
8	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	CDS	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	8/26/2011	30	0	29
9	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	CDS	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	10/4/2011	30	0	24
10	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	CDS	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	8/22/2011	30	0	30
11	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	CDS	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	8/31/2011	30	0	29
12	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	CDS	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	9/14/2011	30	0	19
13	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	CDS	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	9/9/2011	30	0	26
14	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	CDS	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	9/9/2011	30	1	49
15	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	CDS	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	9/9/2011	30	1	48
16	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	CDS	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	9/14/2011	30	0	15
17	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	CDS	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	9/13/2011	30	0	16
18	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	CDS	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	9/9/2011	30	0	1
19	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	CDS	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	9/9/2011	30	0	18
20	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	CDS	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	9/13/2011	30	0	1
21	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	CDS	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	9/29/2011	30	0	29
22	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	CDS	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	9/29/2011	30	0	10
23	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	CDS	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	10/11/2011	30	0	16
24	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	8/22/2011	30	2	74
25	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Murder	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	9/30/2011	30	1	57
26	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Murder	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	9/30/2011	30	1	30

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<b>Howard County</b>									
1	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	5/11/2011	30	1	41
2	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	5/11/2011	30	0	29
3	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	5/24/2011	30	0	28
4	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	5/24/2011	30	0	28
5	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	6/3/2011	30	0	24
<b>Prince George's County</b>									
1	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Murder	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	1/19/2011	90	0	90
2	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Rape	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	1/21/2011	90	0	90
3	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	CDS	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	2/4/2011	60	0	60
4	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Robbery	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	2/4/2011	90	0	90
5	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Murder	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	3/25/2011	60	0	60
6	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Robbery	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	6/13/2011	90	0	90
7	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	CDS	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	6/13/2011	90	0	90
8	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Robbery	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	7/5/2011	60	0	60
9	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Robbery	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	10/31/2011	90	0	90
<b>Talbot County</b>									
1	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Unreported	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	4/25/2011	15	0	15
2	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Laundering/CDS	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	8/14/2011	60	0	60
3	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	CDS	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	8/19/2011	60	0	60
4	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	CDS	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	8/19/2011	60	0	60
5	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	CDS	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	8/19/2011	60	0	60
6	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	CDS	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	8/30/2011	60	0	60
<b>Wicomico County</b>									
1	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	5/5/2011	30	0	6
2	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	5/20/2011	30	1	38

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

**Statewide Summary of Wiretapping and Electronic Surveillance for January 1 - December 31, 2011**

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Offense	Number (%)
Narcotics	32 (47%)
CDS Distribution	26 (38%)
Murder	4 (6%)
Robbery	4 (6%)
Rape	1 (1.5%)
Unreported	1 (1.5%)
<b>Total</b>	<b>68</b>

Location	Number (%)
Cellular Phone	68 (100%)
<b>Total</b>	<b>68</b>

<b>Number of Arrests</b>	109*
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Intercept Information	Number
Intercepts	110,832
Incriminating Intercepts	24,252
Conversations of Individuals Intercepted	3,253

Type of Device	Number (%)
Cellular Phone	68 (100%)
<b>Total</b>	<b>68</b>

\* There are arrests still pending