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

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TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND:

This is the thirty-sixth report submitted pursuant to section 10-409(c) of the Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article. The report covers Calendar Year 2014.

During 2014 there were fifty-eight (58) requests for electronic surveillance. This was a decrease from Calendar Year 2012 and Calendar Year 2013 during which there were sixty-nine (69) and ninety-nine (99) requests respectively. Ten (10) jurisdictions requested authorization for electronic surveillance during Calendar Year 2014, including twenty-three (23) requests from Harford County, twelve (12) requests from Baltimore County, eight (8) requests from Prince George's County, four (4) requests from Caroline County, four (4) requests from Frederick County, two (2) requests from Baltimore City, two (2) requests from Howard County, one (1) request from Montgomery County, one (1) request from Queen Anne's County, and one (1) request from St. Mary's County. Several investigations were the result of multiple wiretaps, as indicated in the accompanying tables.

Thirty-four (34) of the surveillances requested during Calendar Year 2014 involved investigations pertaining to narcotics; and twelve (12) requests related to the violation of controlled dangerous substance law. Other categories of offenses with requests for surveillance included criminal investigation (8), felony drug trafficking (2) murder (1), and robbery (1). Cellular phones comprised ninety-eight percent of intercepted devices during Calendar Year 2014, (fifty-seven requests). Landline phones comprised approximately two percent (one request).

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There were 135,395 total communications intercepted, including 49,407 that were of an incriminating nature. These figures exclude intercepted communications from Prince George's County and St. Mary's County, which did not submit data. This compares to 127,166 communications intercepted and 27,778 incriminating intercepts during Calendar Year 2013. The conversations of 2,593 individuals were intercepted during the surveillance, excluding conversations from Prince George's County and St. Mary's County. Altogether, there were 12 investigations. While the results of three (3) investigations are still pending, thus far there have been a total of sixty-seven (67) arrests. Overall, \$1,577,770 was reportedly spent on electronic surveillance personnel and resource costs during Calendar Year 2014, compared to the previous year's total of \$1,865,676 and the Calendar Year 2012 total of \$1,127,016. (This amount does not include any cost of surveillance in Baltimore County, Prince George's County, and St. Mary's County 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 \$461,250 on multiple wiretaps. An investigation in Frederick County was the next most costly, totaling \$164,064. Other investigations in Baltimore City, Caroline County, Frederick County, Harford County, Howard County, Montgomery County, and Queen Anne's County ranged in total cost from \$40,009 to \$142,635. 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, 2014**

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 County											
1	30	139.2	4,176	unreported	1482	unreported	unreported	unreported	unreported	unreported	unreported
2	49	17.7	868	unreported	144	unreported	unreported	unreported	unreported	unreported	unreported
3	7	60.4	423	14	1	unreported	unreported	unreported	unreported	unreported	unreported
4	0	n/a	unreported	unreported	unreported	unreported	unreported	unreported	unreported	unreported	unreported
5	8	252.9	2,023	unreported	1052	unreported	unreported	unreported	unreported	unreported	unreported
6	8	30.9	247	unreported	177	unreported	unreported	unreported	unreported	unreported	unreported
7	8	1.8	14	unreported	0	unreported	unreported	unreported	unreported	unreported	unreported
8	25	1.8	45	unreported	0	unreported	unreported	unreported	unreported	unreported	unreported
9	25	16.6	415	unreported	220	unreported	unreported	unreported	unreported	unreported	unreported
10	13	39.5	513	unreported	29	unreported	unreported	unreported	unreported	unreported	unreported
11	16	10.2	163	unreported	66	unreported	unreported	unreported	unreported	unreported	unreported
12	18	0.0				unreported	unreported	unreported	unreported	unreported	unreported
			8,887	14	3,171						
Baltimore City											
1	30	14.47	434	10	70	\$52,870	\$1,750	7	0	0	N/A
2	30	155.10	4,653	31	289	\$51,745	\$625	7	0	0	N/A
			5,087	41	359						
Caroline County											
1	23	137.8695652	3,171	45	1,425	\$134,480	\$2,000	25	17	1	17
2	20	329.15	6,583	45	2,360						
3	19	41.10526316	781	45	255						
4	8	49.125	393	45	127						
			10,928	180	4,167						
Frederick County											
1	82	189.0	15,498	996	104	\$164,064	\$5,425	15	2	0	7
2	54	485.5	26,217	178	15,841	\$40,009	\$1,912	13	N/A	N/A	N/A
3	67	129.2	8,655	209	818	\$142,467	\$4,363	Pending	Pending	Pending	Pending
4	51	93.0	4,745	133	654	\$142,635	\$4,530	Pending	Pending	Pending	Pending
			55,115	1,516	17,417						
Harford County											
1	27	18.0	487	8	448	\$134,257	\$48,962	N/A	Pending	Pending	Pending
2	10	152.8	1,528	55	1,114						
3	12	22.1	265	15	65						
4	15	13.4	201	10	126						
5	15	26.1	392	19	188						
6	7	75.0	525	17	165						
7	7	111.4	780	18	500						
8	25	3.2	79	5	34						
9	32	8.1	260	10	107						
10	51	39.9	2,033	22	749						
11	42	78.5	3,296	18	2,420						
12	16	7.6	121	9	37						
13	31	78.9	2,447	18	2,229						
14	58	113.2	6,564	103	776						
15	10	152.8	1,528	55	1,114						
16	6	47.0	282	31	206						
17	6	1.0	6	1	0						
18	6	0.3	2	1	0						
19	1	121.0	121	8	45						
20	53	2.3	123	12	46						
21	53	94.8	5,025	27	2,082						
22	35	19.9	696	17	548						
23	53	77.2	4,090	21	633						
			30,851	500	13,612						
Howard County											
1	30	54.1	1,622	57	1,240	\$461,250	\$643	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2	30	219.7	6,591	95	5,993						
			8,213	152	7,233						
Montgomery County											
1	58	31.1	1,803	160	230	\$77,000	\$2,000	0	0	0	0
			1,803	160	230						
Queen Anne's County											
1	56	259.1	14,511	30	3,218	\$72,800	\$9,200	0	0	0	0
			14,511	30	3,218						

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JANUARY 1 - DECEMBER 31, 2014

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 County										
1	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	CDS Distribution	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	3/21/2014	30	0	30	
2	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	CDS Distribution	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	3/21/2014	30	1	49	
3	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	CDS Distribution	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	3/21/2014	30	0	7	
4	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	CDS Distribution	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	3/21/2014	30	0	30	
5	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	CDS Distribution	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	4/10/2014	30	0	8	
6	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	CDS Distribution	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	4/10/2014	30	0	8	
7	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	CDS Distribution	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	4/10/2014	30	0	8	
8	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	CDS Distribution	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	4/10/2014	30	0	25	
9	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	CDS Distribution	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	4/14/2014	30	0	25	
10	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	CDS Distribution	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	4/23/2014	30	0	13	
11	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	CDS Distribution	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	4/23/2014	30	0	16	
12	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	CDS Distribution	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	4/25/2014	30	0	18	
Baltimore City										
1	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Felony Drug Trafficking	Cellular Phone/Text Messaging	Cellular Phone	5/19/2014	30	0	30	
2	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Felony Drug Trafficking	Cellular Phone/Text Messaging	Cellular Phone	6/2/2014	30	0	30	
Caroline County										
1	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone/Text Messaging	Cellular Phone	6/1/2014	30	0	30	
2	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone/Text Messaging	Cellular Phone	6/4/2014	30	0	30	
3	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone/Text Messaging	Cellular Phone	6/5/2014	30	0	30	
4	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone/Text Messaging	Cellular Phone	6/16/2014	30	0	30	
Frederick County										
1	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone/Text Messaging	Cellular Phone	2/25/2014	30	2	82	
2	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone/Text Messaging	Cellular Phone	10/1/2014	30	1	54	
3	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	10/1/2014	30	2	67	
4	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	10/7/2014	30	2	51	
Harford County										
1	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	9/25/2014	30	0	30	
2	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	9/22/2014	30	0	30	
3	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	9/22/2014	30	0	30	
4	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Standard Telephone	Family Home	9/30/2014	30	0	30	
5	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	9/30/2014	30	0	30	
6	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	9/22/2014	30	0	30	
7	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	9/6/2014	30	1	42	
8	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	8/27/2014	30	1	52	
9	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	9/15/2014	30	1	60	
10	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	9/14/2014	30	1	60	
11	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	8/22/2014	30	1	60	
12	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	8/20/2014	30	1	60	
13	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	9/4/2014	30	1	60	
14	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	9/10/2014	30	1	60	
15	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	8/27/2014	30	0	30	
16	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	8/20/2014	30	0	30	
17	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	8/20/2014	30	0	30	
18	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	8/20/2014	30	0	30	
19	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	8/20/2014	30	0	30	
20	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	1/21/2014	60	1	60	
21	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	1/21/2014	60	1	60	
22	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	1/21/2014	60	1	60	
23	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	1/21/2014	60	1	60	

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Howard County										
1	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	5/28/2014	30	0	30	
2	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	5/28/2014	30	0	30	
Prince George's County										
1	Circuit Court	Assistant State's Attorney	Criminal Investigation	Cellular Phone/Text Messaging/Pen Register/Trap&Trace	Cellular Phone	2/2/2014	30	0	30	
2	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Criminal Investigation	Cellular Phone/Text Messaging/Pen Register/Trap&Trace	Cellular Phone	5/19/2014	90	0	90	
3	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Criminal Investigation	Cellular Phone/Text Messaging/Pen Register/Trap&Trace	Cellular Phone	6/12/2014	90	0	90	
4	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Criminal Investigation	Cellular Phone/Text Messaging/Pen Register/Trap&Trace	Cellular Phone	6/12/2014	90	0	90	
5	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Criminal Investigation	Cellular Phone/Text Messaging/Pen Register/Trap&Trace	Cellular Phone	6/12/2014	90	0	90	
6	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Criminal Investigation	Cellular Phone/Text Messaging/Pen Register/Trap&Trace	Cellular Phone	7/17/2014	120	0	120	
7	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Criminal Investigation	Cellular Phone/Text Messaging/Pen Register/Trap&Trace	Cellular Phone	7/25/2014	90	0	90	
8	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Criminal Investigation	Cellular Phone/Text Messaging/Pen Register/Trap&Trace	Cellular Phone	8/16/2014	90	0	90	
Montgomery County										
1	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Murder	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	9/1/2014	90	0	90	
Queen Anne's County										
1	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	3/4/2014	30	1	56	
St. Mary's County										
1	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Robbery	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	6/11/2014	90	0	90	

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

Statewide Summary of Wiretapping and Electronic Surveillance for January 1 - December 31, 2014

Offense	Number (%)
Narcotics	34 (58%)
CDS Distribution	12 (21%)
Murder	1 (2%)
Criminal Investigation	8 (14%)
Robbery	1 (2%)
Felony Drug Trafficking	2 (3%)
Total	58

Location	Number (%)
Cellular Phone	58 (100%)
Total	58

* There are arrests still pending

Number of Arrests	67*
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Intercept Information	Number
Intercepts	135,395
Incriminating Intercepts	49,407
Conversations of Individuals Intercepted	2,593

Type of Device	Number (%)
Cellular Phone	57 (98%)
LandLine Phone	1 (2%)
Total	58