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

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TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND:

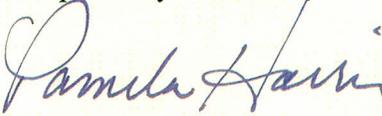
This is the thirty-seventh report submitted pursuant to section 10-409(c) of the Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article. The report covers Calendar Year 2015.

During 2015 there were seventy-one (71) requests for electronic surveillance. This was an increase from Calendar Year 2014's fifty-eight (58) requests. Nine (9) jurisdictions requested authorization for electronic surveillance during Calendar Year 2015, including twenty-four (24) requests from Baltimore City, eleven (11) requests from Montgomery County, ten (10) requests from Prince George's County, eight (8) requests from Baltimore County, seven (7) requests from Anne Arundel County, five (5) requests from Howard County, four (4) requests from Cecil County, one (1) request from Frederick County, and one (1) request from Somerset County. Several investigations were the result of multiple wiretaps, as indicated in the accompanying tables.

Twenty-three (23) of the surveillances requested during Calendar Year 2015 involved investigations pertaining to felony drug trafficking; narcotics; and nineteen (19) requests related to narcotics. Other categories of offenses with requests for surveillance included the violation of controlled dangerous substance law (8), robbery (8), rape/sexual assault (4), murder (3), burglary/theft (2), gang investigation (1), assault (1), carjacking (1), and violation of probation (1). Cellular phones comprised ninety-eight percent of intercepted devices during Calendar Year 2015, (seventy requests). A computer tracking device comprised approximately one percent (one request).

There were 148,104 total communications intercepted, including 32,058 that were of an incriminating nature. These figures exclude intercepted communications from Prince George's County and ten (10) requests from Montgomery County, which did not submit additional data. This compares to 135,395 communications intercepted and 49,407 incriminating intercepts during Calendar Year 2014. The conversations of 4,065 individuals were intercepted during the surveillance, excluding conversations from Prince George's County and ten (10) requests from Montgomery County. Altogether, there were thirteen (13) investigations. While the results of four (4) investigations are still pending, thus far there have been a total of ninety (90) arrests. Overall, \$1,215,894 was reportedly spent on electronic surveillance personnel and resource costs during Calendar Year 2015, compared to the previous year's total of \$1,577,770 and the Calendar Year 2013 total of \$1,865,676. (This amount does not include any cost of surveillance in Howard County or Prince George's County, nor ten (10) electronic surveillance requests from Montgomery County, as law enforcement agencies did not report this information.) The greatest amount of money expended on a single electronic surveillance was reported by Baltimore City with \$476,508 on multiple wiretaps. An investigation in Baltimore County was the next most costly, totaling \$165,000. Other investigations in Anne Arundel County, Baltimore City, Cecil County, Frederick County, Montgomery County, and Somerset County ranged in total cost from \$13,243 to \$158,570. 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

Statewide Summary of Wiretapping and Electronic Surveillance for January 1 - December 31, 2015

Offense	Number (%)
Narcotics	19 (27%)
CDS Distribution	8 (11%)
Murder	3 (4%)
Rape/Sexual Assault	4 (6%)
Burglary/Theft	2 (3%)
Gang Investigation	1 (1.5%)
Assault	1 (1.5%)
Carjacking	1 (1.5%)
Robbery	8 (11%)
Felony Drug Trafficking	23 (32%)
Violation of Probation	1 (1.5%)
Total	71

Location	Number (%)
Cellular Phone	70 (99%)
Car	1 (1%)
Total	

Number of Arrests	90*
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Intercept Information	Number
Intercepts	148,104
Incriminating Intercepts	32,058
Conversations of Individuals Intercepted	4,065

Type of Device	Number (%)
Cellular Phone	70 (99%)
Computer Tracking Device	1 (1%)
Total	

**WIRETAPPING AND ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE PURSUANT TO SEC. 10-409(c) OF THE COURTS ARTICLE
JANUARY 1 - DECEMBER 31, 2015**

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	
Anne Arundel County											
1	27	74.8	2,020	44	38	\$91,704	\$41,500	9	unreported	unreported	unreported
2	59	242.0	14,278	197	2460						
3	20	113.7	2,273	73	685						
4	39	133.9	5,224	97	1209						
5	21	70.7	1,484	90	22						
6	15	91.9	1,378	94	152						
7	12	73.8	886	24	44						
			27,543	619	4,610						
Baltimore County											
1	58	115.2	6,682	146	2286	\$165,000	\$15,000	33	unreported	unreported	unreported
2	58	76.4	4,429	224	349						
3	30	26.3	788	16	488						
4	27	30.4	820	59	230						
5	5	0.0	0	0	0						
6	28	90.9	2,546	100	139						
7	15	27.1	406	33	150						
8	8	152.1	1,217	37	62						
			16,888	615	3,704						
Baltimore City											
1	30	114.23	3427	56	1616	\$65,782	\$6,430	unreported	unreported	unreported	N/A
2	5	37.80	189	27	42	\$158,570	\$645	9	unreported	unreported	unreported
3	34	143.82	4890	300	2039		\$1,250				
4	24	121.17	2908	152	972		\$645				
5	9	49.33	444	36	55		\$1,600				
6	25	104.72	2618	118	103		\$1,600				

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7	19	163.32	3103	103	811		\$625				
8	30	103.43	3103	103	811		\$625				
9	27	116.07	3134	117	147	\$17,000	\$5,280	14	Pending	Pending	Pending
10	27	280.26	7567	150	566	\$18,773	\$4,530				
11	39	163.31	6369	274	695	\$14,314	\$1,234				
12	30	55.37	1661	120	71	\$476,508	\$63,198	1	Pending	Pending	Pending
13	31	14.03	435	31	92						
14	28	9.50	266	23	102						
15	15	8.00	120	6	31						
16	81	70.79	5734	60	1319						
17	30	19.33	580	11	233						
18	54	161.13	8701	98	1915						
19	48	104.27	5005	35	322						
20	30	25.30	759	14	62						
21	38	46.92	1783	32	322						
22	18	75.39	1357	2	33	15	Pending	Pending	11 (4 pending)		
23	5	0.00	0	0	0						
24	9	177.67	1599	17	5						
			65,752	1,885	12,364	\$750,947	\$87,662				

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JANUARY 1 - DECEMBER 31, 2015

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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)
Anne Arundel County									
1	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	07/16/2015	30	1	27
2	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	08/25/2015	30	1	59
3	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	08/25/2015	30	0	20
4	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	07/16/2015	30	1	39
5	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	08/13/2015	30	0	21
6	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	08/25/2015	30	0	15
7	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	09/09/2015	30	0	12
Baltimore County									
1	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	CDS Distribution	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	06/14/2015	30	1	58
2	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	CDS Distribution	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	06/04/2015	30	1	58
3	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	CDS Distribution	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	06/04/2015	30	0	30
4	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	CDS Distribution	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	06/10/2015	30	1	27
5	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	CDS Distribution	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	06/22/2015	5	0	5
6	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	CDS Distribution	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	07/01/2015	30	0	28
7	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	CDS Distribution	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	07/17/2015	30	0	15
8	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	CDS Distribution	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	07/23/2015	30	0	8
Baltimore City									
1	Circuit Court	Attorney General	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	11/18/2015	30	0	30
2	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	CDS Trafficking	Cellular Phone/Text Messaging	Cellular Phone	09/09/2015	30	0	5
3	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	CDS Trafficking	Cellular Phone/Text Messaging	Cellular Phone	09/09/2015	30	1	34
4	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	CDS Trafficking	Cellular Phone/Text Messaging	Cellular Phone	09/29/2015	30	0	24
5	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	CDS Trafficking	Cellular Phone/Text Messaging	Cellular Phone	09/29/2015	30	0	9
6	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	CDS Trafficking	Cellular Phone/Text Messaging	Cellular Phone	10/09/2015	30	0	25
7	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	CDS Trafficking	Cellular Phone/Text Messaging	Cellular Phone	10/16/2015	30	0	19
8	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	CDS Trafficking	Cellular Phone/Text Messaging	Cellular Phone	10/16/2015	30	0	19
9	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	CDS Trafficking	Cellular Phone/Text Messaging	Cellular Phone	04/26/2015	30	1	27
10	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	CDS Trafficking	Cellular Phone/Text Messaging	Cellular Phone	05/14/2015	30	0	27
11	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	CDS Trafficking	Cellular Phone/Text Messaging	Cellular Phone	05/14/2015	30	0	39
12	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	CDS Trafficking	Cellular Phone/Text Messaging	Cellular Phone	04/24/2015	30	0	30

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13	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	CDS Trafficking	Cellular Phone/Text Messaging	Cellular Phone	04/24/2015	30	1	31
14	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	CDS Trafficking	Cellular Phone/Text Messaging	Cellular Phone	04/24/2015	30	1	28
15	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	CDS Trafficking	Cellular Phone/Text Messaging	Cellular Phone	05/12/2015	30	1	15
16	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	CDS Trafficking	Cellular Phone/Text Messaging	Cellular Phone	11/06/2014	30	3	81
17	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	CDS Trafficking	Cellular Phone/Text Messaging	Cellular Phone	12/03/2014	30	0	30
18	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	CDS Trafficking	Cellular Phone/Text Messaging	Cellular Phone	12/03/2014	30	2	54
19	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	CDS Trafficking	Cellular Phone/Text Messaging	Cellular Phone	12/05/2014	30	1	48
20	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	CDS Trafficking	Cellular Phone/Text Messaging	Cellular Phone	12/15/2014	30	0	30
21	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	CDS Trafficking	Cellular Phone/Text Messaging	Cellular Phone	12/15/2014	30	1	38
22	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	CDS Trafficking	Cellular Phone/Text Messaging	Cellular Phone	01/08/2015	30	1	18
23	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	CDS Trafficking	Cellular Phone/Text Messaging	Cellular Phone	01/20/2015	30	0	5
24	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	CDS Trafficking	Cellular Phone/Text Messaging	Cellular Phone	11/18/2015	30	0	30
Cecil County									
1	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone/Text Messaging	Cellular Phone	09/29/2015	30	0	16
2	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone/Text Messaging	Cellular Phone	09/29/2015	30	0	7
3	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone/Text Messaging	Cellular Phone	10/05/2015	30	0	10
4	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone/Text Messaging	Cellular Phone	10/08/2015	30	0	7
Frederick County									
1	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone/Text Messaging	Cellular Phone	09/08/2015	30	1	37
Howard County									
1	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone/Text Messaging	Cellular Phone	10/01/2015	30	1	55
2	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone/Text Messaging	Cellular Phone	10/01/2015	30	1	55
3	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone/Text Messaging	Cellular Phone	10/26/2015	30	0	30
4	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone/Text Messaging	Cellular Phone	10/26/2015	30	0	30
5	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone/Text Messaging	Cellular Phone	12/09/2015	20	1	55
Montgomery County									
1	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Murder	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	07/15/2015	30	0	18
2	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Rape	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	09/24/2015	30	0	30
3	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Theft	Computer Tracking Device	Car (VIN: 1HGEJ6229TL061338)	07/20/2015	30	0	30
4	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Gang Investigation	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	03/18/2015	90	0	30
5	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Burglary	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	04/13/2015	30	0	30
6	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Assault	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	05/27/2015	30	0	30
7	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Violation of Probation	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	07/20/2015	105	0	105
8	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Robbery	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	08/25/2015	30	0	30
9	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Robbery	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	08/24/2015	30	0	30

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10	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Sex Offense	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	01/26/2015	30	0	30
11	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Murder	Cellular Phone	Cellular Phone	01/26/2015	30	0	30
Prince George's County									
1	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Robbery	Cellular Phone/Text Messaging/Pen Register/Trap Trace	Cellular Phone	01/16/2015	90	0	90
2	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Robbery	Cellular Phone/Text Messaging/Pen Register/Trap Trace	Cellular Phone	01/16/2015	90	0	90
3	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Robbery	Cellular Phone/Text Messaging/Pen Register/Trap Trace	Cellular Phone	01/16/2015	90	0	90
4	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Robbery	Cellular Phone/Text Messaging/Pen Register/Trap Trace	Cellular Phone	09/14/2015	60	0	90
5	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Carjacking	Cellular Phone/Text Messaging/Pen Register/Trap Trace	Cellular Phone	09/19/2015	90	0	90
6	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Sexual Assault	Cellular Phone/Text Messaging/Pen Register/Trap Trace	Cellular Phone	09/22/2015	90	0	90
7	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Sexual Assault	Cellular Phone/Text Messaging/Pen Register/Trap Trace	Cellular Phone	09/22/2015	90	0	90
8	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Murder	Cellular Phone/Text Messaging/Pen Register/Trap Trace	Cellular Phone	12/09/2015	60	0	90
9	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Robbery	Cellular Phone/Text Messaging/Pen Register/Trap Trace	Cellular Phone	12/11/2015	90	0	90
10	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Robbery	Cellular Phone/Text Messaging/Pen Register/Trap Trace	Cellular Phone	12/11/2015	90	0	90
Somerset County									
1	Circuit Court	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone/Text Messaging/Microphone	Cellular Phone	10/22/2015	14	0	28

Reports from judges in Prince George's County and ten requests from Montgomery County had no corresponding reports from law enforcement agencies.