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President of the Senate
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Honorable Adrienne A. Jones
Speaker of the House
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Re: Report on Wiretapping and Electronic Surveillance

Dear President Ferguson and Speaker Jones:

Pursuant to State Government Article § 2-1257, the Judiciary herein submits its report on wiretapping and electronic surveillance under Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article § 10-409(c).

This report covers the period of January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022. If you have any questions, please contact Jamie Walter at (410) 260-1275, or via email at jamie.walter@mdcourts.gov.

Sincerely,

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**WIRETAPPING AND ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE PURSUANT TO SECTION 10-409(c) OF THE COURTS ARTICLE
JANUARY 1 - DECEMBER 31, 2022**

REPORTS BY JUDGES

Reporting Number	Official Authorizing Application	Offense Specified	Type of Intercept	Location	Date of Application	Original Order (Days)	Number of Extensions	Total Length (Days)
Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County								
1	Attorney General	Drugs - Illegal	Cellular Phone; Text Messaging	Portable Device - Carried by/on Individual	07/13/2022	30	0	30
2	Attorney General	Drugs - Illegal	Cellular Phone; Text Messaging	Portable Device - Carried by/on Individual	07/13/2022	30	0	30
3	Attorney General	Drugs - Illegal	Cellular Phone; Text Messaging	Portable Device - Carried by/on Individual	07/13/2022	30	1	59
4	Attorney General	Drugs - Illegal	Cellular Phone; Text Messaging	Portable Device - Carried by/on Individual	07/13/2022	30	1	59
5	Attorney General	Drugs - Illegal	Cellular Phone; Text Messaging	Portable Device - Carried by/on Individual	08/04/2022	30	2	77
6	Attorney General	Drugs - Illegal	Cellular Phone; Text Messaging	Portable Device - Carried by/on Individual	08/04/2022	30	0	30
7	Attorney General	Drugs - Illegal	Cellular Phone; Text Messaging	Portable Device - Carried by/on Individual	08/10/2022	30	4	144
8	Attorney General	Drugs - Illegal	Cellular Phone; Text Messaging	Portable Device - Carried by/on Individual	08/10/2022	30	0	30
9	Attorney General	Drugs - Illegal	Cellular Phone; Text Messaging	Portable Device - Carried by/on Individual	08/25/2022	30	3	115
10	Attorney General	Drugs - Illegal	Cellular Phone; Text Messaging	Portable Device - Carried by/on Individual	08/25/2022	30	1	57
11	Attorney General	Drugs - Illegal	Cellular Phone; Text Messaging	Portable Device - Carried by/on Individual	09/06/2022	30	3	117
12	Attorney General	Drugs - Illegal	Cellular Phone; Text Messaging	Portable Device - Carried by/on Individual	10/18/2022	30	1	60
13	Attorney General	Drugs - Illegal	Cellular Phone; Text Messaging	Portable Device - Carried by/on Individual	10/18/2022	30	0	30

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Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County (Continued)								
14	Attorney General	Drugs - Illegal	Cellular Phone; Text Messaging	Portable Device - Carried by/on Individual	02/15/2022	30	1	60
15	Attorney General	Drugs - Illegal	Cellular Phone; Text Messaging	Portable Device - Carried by/on Individual	02/28/2022	30	1	60
16	Attorney General	Drugs - Illegal	Cellular Phone; Text Messaging	Portable Device - Carried by/on Individual	03/15/2022	30	0	60
17	Attorney General	Drugs - Illegal	Cellular Phone; Text Messaging	Portable Device - Carried by/on Individual	03/15/2022	30	0	60
18	Attorney General	Drugs - Illegal	Cellular Phone; Text Messaging	Portable Device - Carried by/on Individual	02/15/2022	30	1	60
19	Attorney General	Drugs - Illegal	Cellular Phone; Text Messaging	Portable Device - Carried by/on Individual	02/15/2022	30	0	30
Circuit Court for Baltimore City								
1	State's Attorney	Drugs - Illegal	Cellular Phone; Text Messaging	Portable Device - Carried by/on Individual	01/07/2022	30	3	120
2	State's Attorney	Drugs - Illegal	Cellular Phone; Text Messaging	Portable Device - Carried by/on Individual	01/07/2022	30	0	30
3	State's Attorney	Drugs - Illegal	Cellular Phone; Text Messaging	Portable Device - Carried by/on Individual	01/07/2022	30	3	120
4	State's Attorney	Drugs - Illegal	Cellular Phone; Text Messaging	Portable Device - Carried by/on Individual	01/18/2022	30	2	90
5	State's Attorney	Drugs - Illegal	Cellular Phone; Text Messaging	Portable Device - Carried by/on Individual	03/11/2022	30	0	30
6	State's Attorney	Murder	Cellular Phone; Microphone / Eavesdrop; Text Messaging; App	Portable Device - Carried by/on Individual	01/28/2022	30	0	30

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Circuit Court for Baltimore County								
1	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Portable Device - Carried by/on Individual	02/22/2022	30	3	120
Circuit Court for Dorchester County								
1	State's Attorney	Drugs - Illegal	Cellular Phone; Text Messaging	Portable Device - Carried by/on Individual	01/31/2022	30	0	30
2	State's Attorney	Narcotics	Cellular Phone	Portable Device - Carried by/on Individual	08/30/2022	30	0	30
Circuit Court for Howard County								
1	Attorney General	Drug Kingpin	Cellular Phone; Text Messaging	Portable Device - Carried by/on Individual	03/31/2022	30	2	87
2	Attorney General	Drug Kingpin	Cellular Phone; Text Messaging	Portable Device - Carried by/on Individual	03/31/2022	30	1	59
3	Attorney General	Drug Kingpin	Cellular Phone; Text Messaging	Portable Device - Carried by/on Individual	04/08/2022	30	0	30
4	Attorney General	Drug Kingpin	Cellular Phone; Text Messaging	Portable Device - Carried by/on Individual	04/08/2022	30	0	30
5	Attorney General	Drug Kingpin	Cellular Phone; Text Messaging	Portable Device - Carried by/on Individual	04/29/2022	30	1	58
6	Attorney General	Drug Kingpin	Microphone / Eavesdrop	Portable Device - Carried by/on Individual	05/18/2022	30	0	30
Circuit Court for Montgomery County								
1	States' Attorney	Murder	Cellular Phone; Text Messaging; App	No Location Specified in Order	06/01/2022	30	0	30

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Circuit Court for Washington County								
1	Attorney General	Drugs - Illegal	Cellular Phone; Text Messaging	Portable Device - Carried by/on Individual	09/27/2022	30	2	90
2	Attorney General	Drugs - Illegal	Cellular Phone; Text Messaging	Portable Device - Carried by/on Individual	09/27/2022	30	1	60
3	Attorney General	Drugs - Illegal	Cellular Phone; Text Messaging	Portable Device - Carried by/on Individual	09/27/2022	30	2	90
4	Attorney General	Drugs - Illegal	Cellular Phone; Text Messaging	Portable Device - Carried by/on Individual	09/27/2022	30	1	60
5	Attorney General	Drugs - Illegal	Cellular Phone; Text Messaging	Portable Device - Carried by/on Individual	11/22/2022	30	0	30
6	Attorney General	Drugs - Illegal	Cellular Phone; Text Messaging	Portable Device - Carried by/on Individual	11/22/2022	30	0	30

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REPORTS BY PROSECUTING OFFICERS										
			Number of			Costs		Number of		
Reporting Number	Number of Days in Operation	Average Number of Intercepts Per Day	Intercepts	Conversations of Individuals Intercepted	Incriminating Intercepts	Total Cost(\$)/ Non-Personnel Cost(\$)	Persons Arrested	Trials	Motions to Suppress Intercepts	Persons Convicted
Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County										
1	28	60.6	1,698	177	692	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
2	15	8.5	128	45	32					
3	30	78.1	2,344	275	891					
4	43	150.2	6,460	409	1,768					
5	61	378.5	23,088	518	2,546					
6	13	39.6	515	88	16					
7	127	138.2	17,555	555	4,338					
8	28	117.2	3,281	130	1,113					
9	112	83.9	9,399	382	474					
10	40	6.9	274	34	46					
11	100	121.5	12,152	483	1,255					
12	58	128.0	7,424	624	1,615					
13	30	3.6	107	25	17					

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Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County (Continued)											
14	50	58.7	2,933	307	162	\$45,734	\$10,767	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
15	3	0.0	0	0	0						
16	50	47.3	2,364	301	58						
17	47	30.8	1,447	145	173						
18	22	4.0	88	8	0						
19	22	22.2	488	185	52						
	879	104.4	91,745	4,691	15,248	\$45,734	\$10,767	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
Circuit Court for Baltimore City											
1	106	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	\$420,000	\$420,000	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
2	30	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	\$105,000	\$105,000	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
3	106	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	\$420,000	\$420,000	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
4	80	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	\$315,000	\$315,000	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
5	30	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	\$105,000	\$105,000	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
6	No Report Received										
	352	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	\$1,365,000	\$1,365,000	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown

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Circuit Court for Baltimore County											
1	93	151.2	14,060	522	1,130	Unknown	Unknown	16	[BLANK]	0	1
	93	151.2	14,060	522	1,130	Unknown	Unknown	16	0	0	0
Circuit Court for Dorchester County											
1	25	Unknown	Unknown	4	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	9	0	0	9
2	30	Unknown	Unknown	1	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	4	Pending	4 Pending	Pending
	55	Unknown	Unknown	5	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	13	0	0	9
Circuit Court for Howard County											
1	76	43.8	3,327	196	3,101	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
2	54	53.4	2,884	238	237						
3	18	12.5	225	37	73						
4	26	14.9	388	45	322						
5	47	12.1	570	164	49						
6	28	26.0	727	Unknown	Unknown						
	249	32.6	8,121	680	3,782	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
Circuit Court for Montgomery County											
1	11	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	1	\$26,945	\$2,945	1	0	Pending	Pending
	11	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	1	\$26,945	2,945	1	0	0	0

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Circuit Court for Washington County											
1	75	31.1	2,334	51	126	\$120,702	\$12,615	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
2	40	212.2	8,486	88	38						
3	64	345.5	22,115	153	3,573						
4	40	486.4	19,457	261	1,396						
5	20	128.3	2,566	48	80						
6	26	257.4	6,692	86	212						
	265	232.6	61,650	687	5,425	\$120,702	\$12,615	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
Total	1,904	92.2	175,576	6,585	25,586	\$1,558,381	\$1,391,327	30	0	0	10

Statewide Summary of Wiretapping and Electronic Surveillance for January 1 - December 31, 2022

Offense	Number	%
Drugs - Illegal	31	74%
Drug Kingpin	6	14%
Narcotics	2	5%
Murder	2	5%
Blank or missing	1	2%
Total	42	100%

Location	Number	%
Portable Device - Carried by/on Individual	40	95%
Roving No Location Specified in Order	1	2%
Blank or missing	1	2%
Total	42	100%

(5 Applications listed 2 locations.)

Number of Arrests	30
Number of Persons Convicted	10

Intercept Information	Number
Intercepts	175,576
Incriminating Intercepts	25,586
Communications of Individuals Intercepted	6,585

Type of Intercept	Number	%
Cellular Phone	40	95%
Text Messaging	38	90%
App or Social Media	2	5%
Microphone / Eavesdrop	2	5%
Blank or missing	1	2%
Total	42	100%

(Many applications listed more than 1 type of intercept.)