



## ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS

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February 29, 2024

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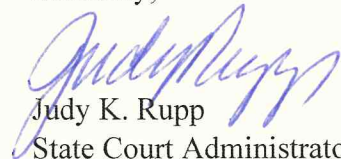
Re: Report on Wiretapping and Electronic Surveillance Required by  
CJ § 10-409(c) (MSAR #303)

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, 2023 – December 31, 2023. If you have any questions, please contact Jamie Walter at (410) 260-1275, or via email at [jamie.walter@mdcourts.gov](mailto:jamie.walter@mdcourts.gov).

Sincerely,

  
Judy K. Rupp  
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cc: Honorable Matthew J. Fader, Chief Justice, Supreme Court  
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Jeremy P. Baker, Chief of Staff, Speaker of the House  
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**WIRETAPPING AND ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE PURSUANT TO SECTION 10-409(c) OF THE COURTS ARTICLE**  
**JANUARY 1 - DECEMBER 31, 2023**

**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) |
|------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------|---------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
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**Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County**

|   |                  |                 |                                |  |            |    |   |    |
|---|------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|--|------------|----|---|----|
| 1 | Attorney General | Drugs - Illegal | Cellular Phone; Text Messaging | Portable Device - Carried by/on Individual | 03/01/2023 | 30 | 1 | 60 |
| 2 | Attorney General | Drugs - Illegal | Cellular Phone; Text Messaging | Portable Device - Carried by/on Individual | 03/01/2023 | 30 | 0 | 30 |
| 3 | Attorney General | Drugs - Illegal | Cellular Phone; Text Messaging | Portable Device - Carried by/on Individual | 03/29/2023 | 30 | 0 | 30 |

**Circuit Court for Baltimore County**

|   |                  |           |                |  |            |    |   |     |
|---|------------------|-----------|----------------|--|------------|----|---|-----|
| 1 | State's Attorney | Murder    | Cellular Phone | Portable Device - Carried by/on Individual | 05/03/2023 | 30 | 0 | 30  |
| 2 | State's Attorney | Murder    | Cellular Phone | Portable Device - Carried by/on Individual | 05/03/2023 | 30 | 0 | 30  |
| 3 | State's Attorney | Murder    | Cellular Phone | Portable Device - Carried by/on Individual | 05/11/2023 | 30 | 0 | 30  |
| 4 | State's Attorney | Narcotics | Cellular Phone | Portable Device - Carried by/on Individual | 09/25/2023 | 30 | 1 | 60  |
| 5 | State's Attorney | Narcotics | Cellular Phone | Portable Device - Carried by/on Individual | 09/25/2023 | 30 | 1 | 60  |
| 6 | State's Attorney | Narcotics | Cellular Phone | Portable Device - Carried by/on Individual | 10/06/2022 | 30 | 3 | 120 |
| 7 | State's Attorney | Narcotics | Cellular Phone | Portable Device - Carried by/on Individual | 10/06/2022 | 30 | 1 | 60  |
| 8 | State's Attorney | Narcotics | Cellular Phone | Portable Device - Carried by/on Individual | 10/14/2022 | 30 | 0 | 30  |
| 9 | State's Attorney | Narcotics | Cellular Phone | Portable Device - Carried by/on Individual | 11/16/2022 | 30 | 0 | 30  |

| 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 Harford County |                  |                 |                                |  |            |    |   |    |
|----------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|--|------------|----|---|----|
| 1                                | State's Attorney | Murder          | Cellular Phone; Text Messaging | Portable Device - Carried by/on Individual | 03/10/2023 | 30 | 0 | 50 |
| 2                                | State's Attorney | Drugs - Illegal | Cellular Phone; Text Messaging | Portable Device - Carried by/on Individual | 03/29/2023 | 30 | 1 | 66 |

| Kent County |                  |                 |                                     |  |            |    |   |    |
|-------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|--|------------|----|---|----|
| 1           | State's Attorney | Drugs - Illegal | Cellular Phone; Text Messaging; App | Portable Device - Carried by/on Individual | 09/25/2023 | 30 | 1 | 60 |
| 2           | State's Attorney | Drugs - Illegal | Cellular Phone; Text Messaging; App | Portable Device - Carried by/on Individual | 09/25/2023 | 30 | 1 | 60 |
| 3           | State's Attorney | Drugs - Illegal | Cellular Phone; App                 | Portable Device - Carried by/on Individual | 09/25/2023 | 30 | 1 | 42 |
| 4           | State's Attorney | Drugs - Illegal | Cellular Phone; App                 | Portable Device - Carried by/on Individual | 09/25/2023 | 30 | 1 | 60 |
| 5           | State's Attorney | Drugs - Illegal | Cellular Phone; Text Messaging; App | Portable Device - Carried by/on Individual | 09/25/2023 | 30 | 0 | 30 |
| 6           | State's Attorney | Drugs - Illegal | Cellular Phone; Text Messaging; App | Portable Device - Carried by/on Individual | 09/25/2023 | 30 | 1 | 60 |

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| Talbot County |                  |              |                                |  |            |    |   |    |
|---------------|------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|--|------------|----|---|----|
| 1             | State's Attorney | Drug Kingpin | Cellular Phone                 | Portable Device - Carried by/on Individual   | 04/19/2023 | 30 | 2 | 90 |
| 2             | State's Attorney | Drug Kingpin | Other - Facebook Account; App  | Portable Device - Carried by/on Individual; No Location Specified in Order - Facebook Account  | 04/19/2023 | 30 | 0 | 30 |
| 3             | State's Attorney | Drug Kingpin | Other - Instagram Account; App | Portable Device - Carried by/on Individual; No Location Specified in Order - Instagram Account | 04/19/2023 | 30 | 0 | 30 |
| 4             | State's Attorney | Drug Kingpin | Cellular Phone                 | Portable Device - Carried by/on Individual   | 04/19/2023 | 30 | 2 | 90 |

| Circuit Court for Washington County |                  |           |                                     |  |            |    |   |    |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------|--|------------|----|---|----|
| 1                                   | State's Attorney | Narcotics | Cellular Phone; Text Messaging      | Portable Device - Carried by/on Individual | 01/10/2023 | 30 | 0 | 30 |
| 2                                   | State's Attorney | Narcotics | Cellular Phone; Text Messaging      | Portable Device - Carried by/on Individual | 01/10/2023 | 30 | 0 | 30 |
| 3                                   | State's Attorney | Narcotics | Cellular Phone; Text Messaging; App | Portable Device - Carried by/on Individual | 01/10/2023 | 30 | 0 | 30 |

**WIRETAPPING AND ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE PURSUANT TO SECTION 10-409(c) OF THE COURTS ARTICLE**  
**JANUARY 1 - DECEMBER 31, 2023**

| 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 |

| Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County |    |      |       |         |     |         |         |         |         |         |         |
|---------------------------------------|----|------|-------|---------|-----|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 1                                     | 39 | 12.9 | 502   | Unknown | 250 | Unknown | Unknown | Unknown | Unknown | Unknown | Unknown |
| 2                                     | 30 | 52.3 | 1,568 |         | 103 |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| 3                                     | 8  | 46.8 | 374   |         | 246 |         |         |         |         |         |         |
|                                       | 77 | 31.7 | 2,444 | Unknown | 599 | Unknown | Unknown | Unknown | Unknown | Unknown | Unknown |

| Circuit Court for Baltimore County |     |       |        |       |       |         |         |         |         |         |         |
|------------------------------------|-----|-------|--------|-------|-------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 1                                  | 15  | 21.2  | 318    | 41    | 13    | Unknown | Unknown | Unknown | Unknown | Unknown | Unknown |
| 2                                  | 15  | 9.6   | 144    | 48    | 5     |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| 3                                  | 7   | 20.3  | 142    | 25    | 2     |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| 4                                  | 51  | 597.2 | 30,459 | 269   | 7,872 | Unknown | Unknown | 9       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 5                                  | 51  | 60.0  | 3,062  | 205   | 333   |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| 6                                  | 102 | 175.5 | 17,900 | 449   | 1,478 | Unknown | Unknown | 14*     | 4*      | 0*      | 4*      |
| 7                                  | 59  | 66.7  | 3,937  | 186   | 108   |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| 8                                  | 20  | 8.3   | 165    | 26    | 0     |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| 9                                  | 29  | 52.2  | 1,513  | 139   | 95    |         |         |         |         |         |         |
|                                    | 349 | 165.2 | 57,640 | 1,388 | 9,906 | Unknown | Unknown | 23*     | 4*      | 0*      | 4*      |

\* Reports 6 through 9 from the Circuit Court for Baltimore County related to the same investigation and each listed 14 persons arrested, 4 trials, and 4 persons convicted. This report assumes the reports each referred to the same 14 persons arrested, 4 trials, and 4 persons convicted.

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| Circuit Court for Harford County |    |       |        |     |       |           |         |    |   |   |   |
|----------------------------------|----|-------|--------|-----|-------|-----------|---------|----|---|---|---|
| 1                                | 32 | 647.6 | 20,724 | 137 | 416   | \$99,470  | \$0     | 3  | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| 2                                | 56 | 202.7 | 11,350 | 164 | 2,258 | \$723,900 | \$9,900 | 18 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
|                                  | 88 | 364.5 | 32,074 | 301 | 2,674 | \$823,370 | \$9,900 | 21 | 1 | 3 | 1 |

| Kent County |     |       |        |     |       |          |          |         |         |         |         |
|-------------|-----|-------|--------|-----|-------|----------|----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 1           | 53  | 286.8 | 15,198 | 143 | 5,569 | \$65,000 | \$15,000 | Unknown | Unknown | Unknown | Unknown |
| 2           | 53  | 35.3  | 1,871  | 28  | 117   |          |          |         |         |         |         |
| 3           | 41  | 2.0   | 82     | 5   | 36    |          |          |         |         |         |         |
| 4           | 53  | 23.3  | 1,233  | 37  | 168   |          |          |         |         |         |         |
| 5           | 29  | 40.0  | 1,159  | 32  | 58    |          |          |         |         |         |         |
| 6           | 57  | 262.5 | 14,961 | 421 | 2,292 |          |          |         |         |         |         |
|             | 286 | 120.6 | 34,504 | 666 | 8,240 | \$65,000 | 15,000   | Unknown | Unknown | Unknown | Unknown |

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|-------------------------------------|-----|-------|---------|-------|--------|-----------|----------|----|---|---|----|
| Talbot County                       |     |       |         |       |        |           |          |    |   |   |    |
| 1                                   | 72  | 98.6  | 7101    | 196   | 365    | \$30,450  | \$2,450  | 9  | 0 | 0 | 7  |
|                                     | 72  | 98.6  | 7,101   | 196   | 365    | \$30,450  | \$2,450  | 9  | 0 | 0 | 7  |
| Circuit Court for Washington County |     |       |         |       |        |           |          |    |   |   |    |
| 1                                   | 30  | 160.3 | 4,808   | 91    | 484    | \$14,912  | \$1,675  | 4  | 0 | 1 | 3  |
| 2                                   | 30  | 21.5  | 646     | 15    | 5      |           |          | 4  | 0 | 1 | 3  |
| 3                                   | 30  | 332.5 | 9,975   | 740*  | 288    |           |          | 4  | 0 | 1 | 3  |
|                                     | 90  | 171.4 | 15,429  | 846   | 777    | \$14,912  | \$1,675  | 12 | 0 | 3 | 9  |
| Total                               | 962 | 155.1 | 149,192 | 3,397 | 22,561 | \$933,732 | \$29,025 | 65 | 5 | 6 | 21 |

\* The report indicated this number was approximate. As a result the county and State totals are also approximations.