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**RE: Annual Report of Wiretap Interceptions
To the General Court Pursuant to G.L. c. 272, § 99R**

Dear Sir/Madam:

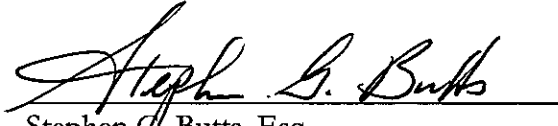
Pursuant to the requirements set forth in General Laws Chapter 272, § 99R, I hereby submit this report to the General Court on behalf of the Bristol County District Attorney's Office for the calendar year of 2017.

The Bristol County District Attorney's Office submitted two applications for Electronic Surveillance Warrants during 2017. The name of the applicant on both applications was Assistant District Attorney Stephen G. Butts and the applications were submitted pursuant to an on-going narcotic investigation. The Massachusetts Superior Court issued one Wiretap Warrant on May 11, 2017 and the second Wiretap Warrant was issued on May 31, 2017. On June 2, 2017, the Superior Court allowed a renewal of the first Wiretap Warrant.

The actual interception of phone calls pursuant to this Narcotic Wiretap began on May 19, 2017 and ran consistently until it was terminated on June 13, 2017. The number of pertinent interceptions, (phone calls and text messages), made during the wiretap period, totaled 2,344. At the conclusion of the investigation, a total of 15 individuals were charged in connection with this investigation. Most individuals were charged with narcotic offenses pursuant to MGL C. 94C s. 32; 94C s. 32E and 94C s.40. To date, two cases have been resolved. There were no criminal trials in which wiretap interception evidence or evidence derived there from was introduced in 2017. The remaining 13 cases are still pending.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stephen G. Butts". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

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