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Senate Clerk William F. Welch
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Re: Annual Report of Wiretap Interceptions to the General Court Pursuant to
G.L. c. 272, § 99R

Dear Mr. Welch:

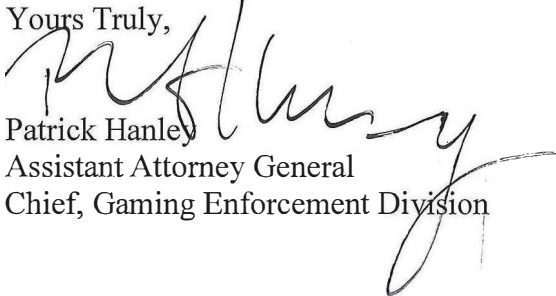
Pursuant to G.L. c. 272, § 99R, I hereby submit this report to the General Court on behalf of the Office of the Attorney General for the 2017 calendar year.

The Attorney General submitted 55 applications for electronic surveillance warrants during 2017 to Justices of the Superior Court. All 55 of these applications for electronic surveillance were granted by Justices of the Superior Court. Each of the resulting warrants authorized electronic surveillance for up to fifteen days. The Attorney General submitted 31 grants for renewal. A total of 60,341 interceptions were made pursuant to these warrants of these interceptions, of these 20,583 were pertinent interceptions. The designated offenses for which electronic surveillance was conducted included violations of G.L. c. 94C, §§ 32, 32A, 32E, and 40 and G.L. c. 271, §§ 17 and 49.

In 2017, there were 85 indictments issued. There were no jury trials that included the presentation of electronic surveillance. In 2017, 21 defendants entered guilty pleas in cases that involved wiretap evidence. Defendants did file motions to suppress wiretap evidence in 2017; all of these motions were denied.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at 617-963-2512.

Yours Truly,


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