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Mr. William S. Welch
Clerk of the Senate
State House, Room 335
Boston, MA 02133

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

Dear Clerk Welch:

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 Berkshire County District Attorney's Office for the calendar year of 2017.

The number of applications made for electronic surveillance warrants during 2017 totaled ten (10). The name of the applicant on each of these applications was Assistant District Attorney Richard M. Locke. The Massachusetts Superior Court issued thirty (30) wiretap warrants.

The effective dates for the warrants during 2017 were: 3/31/2017 thru 7/27/2017

The number of designated offenses pertaining to these wiretap applications totaled approximately two. These designated offenses are defined in G.L. c. 272, §99(B)(7) as "any offense involving the possession or sale of a narcotic or harmful drug" and "conspiracy" to violate said laws. There were sixteen (16) applications for renewals for warrants pertaining to these designated offenses in 2017. The number of interceptions made during the 2017 calendar year in connection with the above-designated offenses totaled approximately 35,000, during the period of 3/31/2017 thru 7/27/2017.

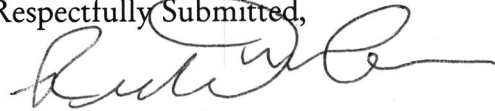
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There were no criminal trials in which wiretap interception evidence or evidence derived therefrom was introduced in 2017.

Finally, seven (7) individuals were indicted as a direct result of wiretap warrants, issued during the period of 3/31/2017 thru 7/27/2017.

There were zero (0), guilty pleas, zero (0) acquittals, and zero (0) motions to suppress wiretap evidence allowed in cases associated with wiretap warrants issued in 2017. There are zero (0) motions to suppress wiretap evidence currently pending associated with wiretap warrants issued in 2017.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard M. Locke', written over the text 'Respectfully Submitted,'.

Richard M. Locke
Assistant District Attorney