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Office of the Clerk of the Senate
24 Beacon Street - Room 335
State House
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, section 99R, I hereby submit this report to the General Court on behalf of the Plymouth County District Attorney's Office for the calendar year of 2017.

1. Six (6) total applications for warrants were made.
2. The applicant for each of the foregoing applications was Assistant District Attorney Jason Thomas, as specially designated by District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz.
3. Six (6) total warrants issued.


4. In total, the warrants were effective for forty-five days (from September 25, 2017 until November 9, 2017).
5. The number of designated offenses pertaining to those wiretap interceptions totaled approximately two. Those 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.
 - a. There were three (3) applications for renewal.
 - b. In total, over all telephone lines, the number of interceptions (voice and text) made in connection with the above-designated offenses in 2017 was 12,525 (The total number of pertinent interceptions – voice and text – was 5,422.)
 - c. As of this date, there have been no indictments obtained as a result of those interceptions.
 - d. As of this date, there have been no convictions obtained in trials where interception evidence or evidence derived therefrom was introduced.

In addition to (and unrelated to) the foregoing warrants, our office assisted the Brockton Police Department with an application to obtain a warrant for an interception, pursuant to the “one-party consent” provisions set forth in c. 272, §99(B)(4). In connection with that application, we report as follows:

1. One (1) application for such warrant was made.
2. The applicant for this application was Brockton Police Detective Michael Bunker.
3. One (1) warrant was issued.
4. The warrant was issued on December 13, 2017 and was effective for a period of fifteen (15) days.

5. The number of designated offenses pertaining to those interceptions totaled one. That designated offense is defined in G.L. c. 272, §99(B)(7) as “conspiracy or attempt or solicitation to commit any of the foregoing offenses” (to wit: murder).
 - a. There were no applications for renewal.
 - b. In total, four (4) telephone calls were recorded.
 - c. One defendant was charged (in the District Court) as a result of this investigation.
 - d. As of this date, there have been no convictions obtained in trials where interception evidence or evidence derived therefrom was introduced.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard D. Savignano". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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