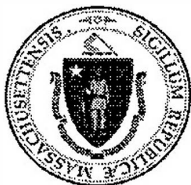


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January 13, 2017

William F. Welch  
Clerk of the Massachusetts State Senate  
State House  
Boston, Massachusetts, 02133

Dear Mr. Welch:

During calendar year 2016, this office made three applications for wiretap warrants pursuant to Chapter 272 s 99 of the General Laws.

The applicants were District Attorney Joseph D. Early Jr. and Specially Designated Assistant District Attorney Paul F. Bolton.

Three wiretap warrants were issued by the Superior Court

1. On February 25, 2016 a warrant was issued for telephone numbered 508-232-9360. The warrant was effective from February 25, 2016 until March 10, 2016.
2. On February 25, 2016 a warrant was issued for telephone numbered 508-873 5785. This warrant was effective from February 25, 2016 until March 10, 2016.
3. On March 2, 2016 a warrant was issued for telephone numbered 50973-861-9746. This warrant was effective from March 2, 2016 until March 10, 2016.

The designated offenses for which these warrant were applied were: Trafficking Heroin and Trafficking Cocaine and Conspiracy Traffick Cocaine and Conspiracy to Traffick Heroin.

Pursuant to these four wiretap warrants a total of 3479 telephone calls or text messages were intercepted, monitored and recorded. A large number of these calls were incomplete or were text messages.

As the result the evidence gathered pursuant to these wiretap warrants 48 Indictments were obtained against eight defendants. Additionally three individuals were charged with offenses in the State of Connecticut .

As of this date, none of the cases brought as a result of these wiretap warrants have gone to trial.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul F. Bolton', with a large, stylized initial 'P' and a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Paul F. Bolton  
Assistant District Attorney  
Drug Unit Supervisor