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Senate Clerk William F. Welch 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 Mr. Welch:

Pursuant to G.L. c. 272, § 99R, I hereby submit this report to the General Court on behalf of the Attorney General's Office for the 2016 calendar year.

The Attorney General submitted 30 applications for electronic surveillance warrants during 2016 to Justices of the Superior Court. All of the applications for electronic surveillance were granted by Justices of the Superior Court. The resulting warrants authorized electronic surveillance for up to fifteen days.

In 2016, there were no jury trials that included the presentation of electronic surveillance. In 2016, defendants entered guilty pleas in six cases that involved wiretap evidence. Another 13 defendants admitted to sufficient facts to support a finding of guilty, but the cases were continued without a finding during a period of probation. Defendants did not file any motions to suppress wiretap evidence in 2016.

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

Yours Truly,

Patrick Hanley

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Chief, Gaming Enforcement Division

cc: Kim West, Chief, Criminal Bureau

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