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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 2015.

The number of applications made for electronic surveillance warrants during 2015 totaled thirty two (32). The name of the applicant on each of these applications was Assistant District Attorney Richard M. Locke. The Massachusetts

Superior Court issued eighty one (81) wiretap warrants. The effective dates for the warrants during 2015 were:

11/20/2014 thru 05/20/2015

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 forty nine (49) applications for renewals for warrants pertaining to these designated offenses in 2015. The number of interceptions made during the 2015 calendar year in connection with the above-designated offenses totaled approximately 75,000, during the period of 11/20/2014 thru 05/20/2015

There were no criminal trials in which wiretap interception evidence or evidence derived therefrom was introduced in 2015.

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Finally, twenty one (21) individuals were indicted as a direct result of wiretap warrants which were issued during the period of 11/20/2014 thru 05/20/2015. There were two (2) guilty pleas, zero (0) acquittals, and zero (0) motions to suppress wiretap evidence allowed in cases associated with wiretap warrants issued in 2015. There are zero (0) motions to suppress wiretap evidence currently pending associated with wiretap warrants issued in 2015.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard M. Locke
Assistant District Attorney