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Senate Clerk Michael Hurley 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. Hurley:

Pursuant to G.L. c. 272, § 99R, I hereby submit this report to the General Court on behalf of the Office of the Attorney General for the 2018 calendar year.

The Attorney General submitted 42 applications for electronic surveillance warrants during 2018 to Justices of the Superior Court. All 42 of these applications for electronic surveillance were granted by Justices of the Superior Court. Each of the resulting warrants authorized electronic surveillance for up to fifteen days. The Attorney General submitted 28 grants for renewal. A total of 76,286 interceptions were made pursuant to these warrants of these interceptions, of these 29,630 were pertinent interceptions. The designated offenses for which electronic surveillance was conducted included violations of G.L. c. 94C, §§ 32, 32A, 32E, and 40, G.L. c. 265, 25 and G.L. c. 271, §§ 17 and 49, G.L. c. 274, § 7.

In 2018, there were 176 indictments issued. There was one jury trial that included the presentation of electronic surveillance; a jury found that defendant guilty. In 2018, 11 defendants entered guilty pleas in cases that involved wiretap evidence.

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

Yours Truly,

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cc: Kim West, Chief, Criminal Bureau File