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Patrick Scanlan  
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 Mr. Scanlan:

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 Attorney General's Office for the calendar year of 2002.

The number of applications made for electronic surveillance warrants during 2002 totaled fourteen (14). The names of the applicants on each of these applications were Assistant Attorneys General William Bloomer and/or Patrick Lee. Fourteen (14) wiretap warrants were issued by the Massachusetts Superior Court.

The effective dates for each of the fourteen warrants, including renewal periods, are as follows:

10/24/02 - 11/08/02  
11/08/02 - 11/20/02  
11/20/02 - 12/04/02  
12/04/02 - 12/18/02  
10/31/02 - 11/20/02  
11/20/02 - 12/04/02  
12/04/02 - 12/18/02  
11/15/02 - 12/04/02  
12/04/02 - 12/18/02

11/20/02 - 12/04/02  
12/04/02 - 12/18/02  
12/06/02 - 12/18/02  
12/12/02 - 12/18/02  
12/12/02 - 12/18/02

The number of designated offenses pertaining to these wiretap applications totaled two (2). These designated offenses are defined in G.L. c. 272, §99B(7) as "the possession or sale of any narcotic or harmful drug", and "gaming in violation of section seventeen of chapter two hundred and seventy-one.". The number of renewals for warrants pertaining to both of these designated offenses seven (7).

The number of interceptions made during the 2002 calendar year in connection with the designated offense of possession and distribution of narcotics totaled 489.

The number of interceptions made during the 2002 calendar year in connection with the designated offense gaming totaled 452.

As a result of the interceptions referred to above, over 130 state, federal and local police officers executed 17 search warrants at locations in the North End of Boston and throughout Greater Eastern Massachusetts. Police seized 13 guns, explosive devices, hundreds of percocets, trafficking quantities of cocaine and marijuana, and thousands of dollars in drug money. Eighteen (18) individuals were arrested and/or charged in the District Courts of this Commonwealth in December of 2002. These cases were just initiated and therefore are still pending in court. It is anticipated that most if not all of the individuals charged will be indicted in Superior Court with additional co-conspirators. To date, no criminal trials have occurred where wiretap interception evidence or evidence derived therefrom was introduced in the year 2002.

Finally, twelve (12) individuals have pleaded guilty in the Superior Court and in Boston Federal District Court in the year 2002 as a direct result of wiretap warrants which were issued in 1999, 2000, and 2001. There have been zero (0) acquittals in cases associated with wiretap warrants issued in the years 1999, 2000 and 2001, and zero (0) motions to suppress allowed. Three (3) motions to suppress wiretap evidence have been denied.

Respectfully submitted,



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