

***REPORT ON THE OPERATION OF
THE NEW JERSEY WIRETAPPING AND
ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE CONTROL ACT
FOR THE YEAR 2018***



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Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2A:156A-23(e), the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and the Attorney General of the State of New Jersey hereby submit reports on the operation of the "New Jersey Wiretapping and Electronic Surveillance Control Act" for the year 2018.

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2018 COURT-AUTHORIZED
ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT
ON THE OPERATION OF THE WIRETAP ACT

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Court-Authorized Electronic Surveillance - 2018

The New Jersey Wiretapping and Electronic Surveillance Control Act requires the Attorney General to report annually on the use of court-authorized intercepts. To accomplish this, the Act directs the Attorney General to collect and maintain records of all court-authorized intercepts, regardless of whether the intercept is carried out by the Attorney General's Office, a county prosecutor's office, or a local law enforcement agency.

Data reported pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 2A:156A-23* was compiled to report on the operation of the New Jersey Wiretapping Act. As required by statute, this report contains data concerning:

- (1) The number of applications made.
- (2) The number of orders issued.
- (3) The effective periods of such orders.
- (4) The number and duration of any renewals.
- (5) The crime in connection with electronic surveillance orders.
- (6) Indictments resulting from each application.
- (7) The crime which each indictment charges.
- (8) The disposition of each indictment.

In addition to the detailed information provided for 2018 applications and orders, supplemental follow-up data is provided for electronic surveillance orders reported in previous calendar years.

APPLICATIONS

In 2018, 104 applications for electronic surveillance orders were reported statewide pursuant to the Wiretap Act.¹ The applications authorized by prosecution officials are as follows.

District/ County	Prosecution Official	N of Applications
Atlantic County	Prosecutor Tyner	1
Bergen County	A/Prosecutor Calo	6
Burlington County	Prosecutor Coffina	2
Camden County	Prosecutor Colalillo	6
Cape May County	Prosecutor Sutherland	7
Cumberland County	Prosecutor Webb-McRae	5
NJ Attorney General	Attorney General Grewal	1
NJ Attorney General	Attorney General Porrino	24
Essex County	A/Prosecutor Laurino	1
Gloucester County	Prosecutor Fiore	1
Hudson County	Prosecutor Suarez	6
Monmouth County	Prosecutor Gramiccioni	4
Morris County	Prosecutor Knapp	1
Ocean County	Prosecutor Coronato	7
Somerset County	Prosecutor Robertson	18
Union County	A/Prosecutor Monahan	14
Total		104

¹The Federal AOC and New Jersey Prosecutor's Offices report orders in the year that they are filed. The State Attorney General reports wiretap orders in the year that the investigation is completed. Twenty-four wires authorized in the year 2018 by the New Jersey Attorney General will not appear in the state report until the investigations are completed.

ORDERS FOR ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE

In all, 104 court orders were entered requesting court authorization for electronic surveillance in 2018.

Of the 104 orders requesting interception of communications, 55 requested wire (phone communication) intercepts, 45 requested both wire and electronic intercepts, three requested wire, oral and electronic intercepts and one requested an electronic intercept.

<u>Type of Intercept</u>	<u>Number</u>
Wire	55
Wire/Electronic	45
Wire/Oral/Electronic	3
Electronic	1
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Of the 104 orders requested, 49 were requests for mobile cell phone and text communications, 45 for mobile cell phone communications, five for previously recorded jail conversations, two for mobile cell phone, text communications and microphone recordings, one for home security system recordings, one for landline communications and one for landline communications and a computer.

<u>Intercept Device</u>	<u>Number</u>
Mobile Cell and Text	49
Mobile Cell	45
Previously Recorded /Jail	5
Cell, Text, Microphone	2
Home Security System	1
Landline	1
Landline, Computer	1
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Of the 104 orders requesting interception of communications, 103 were installed and utilized; one was installed but not used.

<u>Installation</u>	<u>Number</u>
Installed, used	103
Installed, not used	1
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Of the 104 approved orders, 71 authorized use of intercepts for 20 days, 25 for 30 days, six for one day, one for 18 days and one for 23 days.

Wires	Days
71	20
25	30
6	1
1	18
1	23
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Section 8 of the Wiretap Act specifies the crimes for which electronic surveillance may be granted. Offense data collected and analyzed for court-authorized electronic surveillance consider the most serious offense investigated.

Overall, electronic surveillance orders were granted in connection with investigations involving the following offense categories; controlled dangerous substance offenses, homicide, money laundering, murder, racketeering and weapons violations.

Offense	Number	Percent
Controlled Dangerous Substance Offenses	78	75%
Racketeering	11	11%
Murder	6	6%
Weapons Violations	6	6%
Homicide	2	2%
Money Laundering	1	1%
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	104	100%

Of the 104 orders granting electronic surveillance, the majority listed controlled dangerous substance offenses as the most serious offense 78 (75%) followed by racketeering 11 (11%), murder and weapons violations 6 (6%), homicide 2 (2%) and money laundering 1 (1%).

DEFENDANT INDICTMENTS AND DISPOSITIONS

Summary information concerning defendant dispositions resulting from electronic surveillance applications is provided below.

In 2018, the 104 installed and utilized wires resulted in 205 arrests. Of the 205 arrests, 87 defendants were indicted in 2018.

At the end of 2018, of the 205 defendants arrested, 164 were awaiting prosecutorial decisions with cases pending, 37 reached final disposition, two were referred to the US Attorney's Office for prosecution and two were fugitives.

Prosecutorial Decision	Number
Cases Pending	164
Final Disposition	37
Fugitive	2
Ref'd, US Atty/Fed Court	2
	205

In 2018 of the 87 defendants indicted, 67 (77%) were indicted for controlled dangerous substance (and related) offenses, six (7%) for conspiracy, four (5%) for homicide, three (3%) for leader of a narcotics network and money laundering, two (2%) for resisting arrest, one (1%) for murder and racketeering.

Indictment Offense	Number	Percent
Controlled Dangerous Substances	67	77%
Conspiracy	6	7%
Homicide	4	5%
Leader Narcotics Network	3	3%
Money Laundering	3	3%
Resisting Arrest	2	2%
Murder	1	1%
Racketeering	1	1%
	87	100%

In 2018, 182 wiretap defendants (from wires originating in 2017 and prior) reached final disposition. 108 were convicted through guilty plea, 35 had their cases dismissed, 30 were admitted into a pre-trial intervention program, three had charges downgraded to disorderly persons offenses, two died, two were found not-guilty at trial and two were referred to the US Attorney's Office for prosecution.

Final Disposition	Number
Guilty Plea	108
Dismissed	35
PTI	30
Downgrade to DP	3
Deceased	2
Not Guilty at Trial	2
Ref'd, US Atty/Fed Court	2
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**ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE
WIRETAP LIST BY COUNTY/AGENCY
2018**

2018 Wiretap List by County/Agency

COUNTY/ AGENCY	WIRE NUMBER	MOST SERIOUS OFFENSE	APPLICATION DATE	SURVEILLANCE TYPE	OUTCOME
Atlantic County					
	BEDATLOOIWT18	CDS	2/20/18	Wire	Arrests
Bergen County					
	EAJBER1WT18	Money Laundering	2/28/18	Wire	Arrests
	EAJBER2WT18	CDS	3/22/18	Wire/Electronic	Arrests
	EAJBER3WT18	CDS	3/22/18	Wire/ Electronic	Pending Invest
	JGGBERSWT18	CDS	11/20/18	Wire	Pending Invest
	JGGBER6WT18	CDS	11/20/18	Wire	Arrests
	MMFBER4WT18	CDS	11/6/18	Wire/Electronic	Arrests
Burlington County					
	REBBUR1WT18	CDS	3/19/18	Wire/oral/electr	Closed
	REBBUR2WT18	CDS	3/29/ 18	Wire/oral/electr	Closed
Camden County					
	EJMCAM02WT18	Murder	3/1/18	Wire	Closed
	EJMCAM03WT18	CDS	4/2/18	Wire/Electronic	Ret'd Crim Pros
	EJMCAM04WT18	CDS	4/12/18	Wire/Electronic	Ref d Crim Pros
	EJMCAMOSWT18	Homicide	4/19/18	Wire/Electronic	Arrests
	EJMCAM06WT18	Murder	4/26/18	Wire/Electronic	Arrests
	EJMCAMI4WT18	Homicide	10/12/18	Electronic	Arrests
Cape May County					
	BEDCPM006WT18	Weapons Viol	7/23/18	Wire	Pending Invest
	BEDCPM007WT18	Weapons Viol	7/23/18	Wire	Pending Invest
	BEDCPM008WT18	Weapons Viol	8/8/18	Wire	Pending Invest

COUNTY/ AGENCY	WIRE NUMBER	MOST SERIOUS OFFENSE	APPLICATION DATE	SURVEILLANCE TYPE	OUTCOME
	PMWCPM002WT18	CDS	6/25/18	Wire	Arrests
	PMWCPM003WT18	CDS	6/25/18	Wire	Closed
	PMWCPM004WT18	Weapons Viol	7/2/18	Wire	Pending Invest
	PMWCPM005WT18	Weapons Viol	7/2/18	Wire	Pending Invest
Cumberland County					
	BCTCUM011WT18	Murder	10/1/18	Wire	Pending Invest
	LLLCUM001WT18	CDS	1/3/18	Wire	Closed
	LLLCUM008WT18	Murder	9/25/18	Wire	Pending Invest
	LLLCUM009WT18	Murder	9/25/18	Wire	Pending Invest
	LLLCUM010WT18	Murder	9/25/18	Wire	Arrests
Essex County					
	MGCESS1WT18	CDS	4/9/18	Wire	Ref'd Crim Pros
Gloucester County					
	LLLGLO002WT18	CDS	3/13/18	Wire	Arrests
Hudson County					
	JAYHUD004WT18	CDS	10/12/18	Wire/Electronic	Arrests
	JAYHUD005WT18	CDS	10/30/18	Wire/Electronic	Pending Invest
	MJNHUD01WT18	CDS	1/11/18	Wire/Electronic	Arrests
	MJNHUD02WT18	CDS	1/20/18	Wire/Electronic	Pending Invest
	MJNHUD03WT18	CDS	1/26/18	Wire/Electronic	Pending Invest
	MJNHUD04WT18	CDS	1/26/18	Wire/Electronic	Pending Invest
Monmouth County					
	DBFMON1WT18	CDS	5/16/18	Wire/Electronic	Arrests
	DBFMON2WT18	CDS	5/24/18	Wire/Electronic	Pending Invest

COUNTY/ AGENCY	WIRE NUMBER	MOST SERIOUS OFFENSE	APPLICATION DATE	SURVEILLANCE TYPE	OUTCOME
	LPTMON3WT18	CDS	11/15/18	Wire/Electronic	Arrests
	LPTMON4WT18	CDS	11/15/18	Wire/Electronic	Pending Invest
Morris County					
	SJTMOR01WT18	CDS	5/22/18	Wire/Electronic	Pending Invest
Ocean County					
	WEDOCE1WT18	Racketeering	1/5/18	Wire	Pending Invest
	WEDOCE2WT18	Racketeering	1/11/18	Wire	Pending Invest
	WEDOCE3WT18	Racketeering	1/12/18	Wire	Pending Invest
	WEDOCE4WT18	Racketeering	1/12/18	Wire	Pending Invest
	WEDOCE5WT18	Racketeering	1/17/18	Wire	Pending Invest
	WEDOCE6WT18	Racketeering	1/26/18	Wire	Pending Invest
	WEDOCE7WT18	Racketeering	2/2/18	Wire	Pending Invest
Office of the Attorney General					
	BEDATL009WT17	CDS	9/19/17	Wire/Electronic	Arrests
	EAJBER2WT17	CDS	9/26/17	Wire/Electronic	Arrests
	EAJBER3WT17	CDS	10/13/17	Wire/Electronic	Closed
	EAJBER4WT17	CDS	10/13/17	Wire/Electronic	Closed
	EAJBER5WT17	Racketeering	10/27/17	Wire/Electronic	Closed
	EAJBER6WT17	Racketeering	10/27/17	Wire/Electronic	Closed
	EAJBER7WT17	Racketeering	11/16/17	Wire/Electronic	Closed
	EAJBER8WT17	CDS	12/1/17	Wire/Electronic	Closed
	EJMCAM01WT18	CDS	2/13/18	Wire/Electronic	Closed
	EJMCAM06WT17	CDS	3/6/17	Wire	Arrests
	EJMCAM07WT17	CDS	3/6/17	Wire	Closed

COUNTY/ AGENCY	WIRE NUMBER	MOST SERIOUS OFFENSE	APPLICATION DATE	SURVEILLANCE TYPE	OUTCOME
	EJMCAM09WT17	CDS	4/10/17	Wire/Electronic	Closed
	EJMCAM11WT17	CDS	5/12/17	Wire/Electronic	Closed
	EJMCAM12WT17	CDS	9/18/17	Wire	Closed
	LLLSAL006WT17	CDS	8/31/17	Wire/Electronic	Arrests
	LLLSAL008WT17	CDS	9/20/17	Wire/Electronic	Closed
	LLLSAL009WT17	CDS	10/6/17	Wire/Electronic	Closed
	LLLSAL010WT17	CDS	10/6/17	Wire/Electronic	Closed
	LLLSAL012WT17	CDS	11/3/17	Wire/Electronic	Closed
	LLLSAL013WT17	CDS	11/9/17	Wire/Electronic	Closed
	LLLSAL11WT17	CDS	10/24/17	Wire/Electronic	Closed
	MACPAS6WT17	CDS	9/29/17	Wire/Electronic	Arrests
	MACPAS7WT17	CDS	9/29/17	Wire/Electronic	Arrests
	MACPAS8WT17	CDS	10/20/17	Wire/Electronic	Closed
	SJTMOR03WT17	CDS	5/15/17	Wire/Electronic	Closed
Somerset County					
	ARSOM1WT18	CDS	5/21/18	Wire	Arrests
	ARSOM2WT18	CDS	5/24/18	Wire	Pending Invest
	ARSOM3WT18	CDS	5/25/18	Wire	Pending Invest
	YCSOM10WT18	CDS	11/2/18	Wire	Pending Invest
	YCSOM11WT18	CDS	11/5/18	Wire	Pending Invest
	YCSOM12WT18	CDS	11/2/18	Wire	Pending Invest
	YCSOM13WT18	CDS	11/9/18	Wire	Pending Invest
	YCSOM14WT18	CDS	11/12/18	Wire/Electronic	Pending Invest

COUNTY/ AGENCY	WIRE NUMBER	MOST SERIOUS OFFENSE	APPLICATION DATE	SURVEILLANCE TYPE	OUTCOME
	YCSOM15WT18	CDS	11/16/18	Wire/Electronic	Pending Invest
	YCSOM1WT18	CDS	5/11/18	Wire	Pending Invest
	YCSOM2WT18	Racketeering	5/11/18	Wire/oral/electr	Pending Invest
	YCSOM3WT18	CDS	5/17/18	Wire	Pending Invest
	YCSOM4WT18	CDS	5/17/18	Wire	Pending Invest
	YCSOM5WT18	Weapons Viol	9/19/18	Wire	Arrests
	YCSOM6WT18	CDS	10/19/18	Wire	Closed
	YCSOM7WT18	CDS	10/19/18	Wire/Electronic	Arrests
	YCSOM8WT18	CDS	10/19/18	Wire/Electronic	Pending Invest
	YCSOM9WT18	CDS	10/26/18	Wire/Electronic	Pending Invest
Union County					
	RCUNI10WT18	CDS	7/3/18	Wire	Pending Invest
	RCUNI11WT18	CDS	7/12/18	Wire	Pending Invest
	RCUNI12WT18	CDS	7/12/18	Wire	Pending Invest
	RCUNI13WT18	CDS	7/26/18	Wire	Pending Invest
	RCUNI14WT18	CDS	8/29/18	Wire	Pending Invest
	RCUNI1WT18	CDS	1/26/18	Wire	Pending Invest
	RCUNI2WT18	CDS	1/16/18	Wire	Pending Invest
	RCUNI3WT18	CDS	1/26/18	Wire	Pending Invest
	RCUNI4WT18	CDS	2/14/18	Wire	Pending Invest
	RCUNI5WT18	CDS	2/14/18	Wire	Pending Invest
	RCUNI6WT18	CDS	2/14/18	Wire	Pending Invest
	RCUNI7WT18	CDS	2/14/18	Wire	Pending Invest

COUNTY/ AGENCY	WIRE NUMBER	MOST SERIOUS OFFENSE	APPLICATION DATE	SURVEILLANCE TYPE	OUTCOME
	RCUN18WT18	CDS	3/16/18	Wire	Pending Invest
	RCUN19WT18	CDS	6/25/18	Wire	Arrests

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT FOR ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE
(Reported as of December 31, 2018)

Electronic Surveillance - Supplementary Report

Defendant Dispositions Occurring in 2018

YEAR	COUNTY/ AGENCY	WIRE NUMBER	ARREST OFFENSE	DEFENDANT STATUS	NUMBER
Atlantic County					
2014		BEDATL21WT14	CDS	Dismissed, post	1
		BEDATL21WT14	CDS	Guilty plea less indictable	1
2016		BEDATL006WT16	CDS	Dismissed, post	1
		BEDATL006WT16	CDS	Downgrade to DP	2
		BEDATL006WT16	CDS	Guilty plea less indictable	2
2018		BEDATL001WT18	CDS	Ref'd, US Atty/Fed Court	2
Bergen County					
2013		LSDSBER02WT13	CDS	Guilty, plea	1
		LSDSBER03WT13	CDS	Guilty, plea	1
2016		SJSBER06XXWT16	Money Laundering	Dismissed, pre	4
Camden County					
2017		EJMCAM13WT17	CDS	Guilty, plea	1
		EJMCAM13WT17	CDS	Dismissed, pre	1
2018		EJMCAM05WT18	Homicide	Guilty, plea	1
		EJMCAM06WT18		Guilty, trial	1
Cape May County					
2016		BEDCPM13WT16	CDS	PTI	1
		BEDCPM13WT16	CDS	Dismissed	1
		BEDCPM13WT16	CDS	Guilty, plea	2

YEAR	COUNTY/ AGENCY	WIRE NUMBER	ARREST OFFENSE	DEFENDANT STATUS	NUMBER
Cumberland County					
2015		BCTCUM29WT15	CDS	Guilty plea most serious	1
		BCTCUM29WT15	CDS	Dismissed	1
2016		BCTCUM07WT16	Weapons Viol	Dismissed	1
		BCTCUM07WT16	Weapons Viol	Guilty plea most serious	2
		BCTCUM06WT16	Child Abuse	Guilty plea less indictable	1
Hudson County					
2016		JVIHUD16WT16	Murder	Not guilty, trial	1
2017		JAYHUD06WT17	Weapons Viol	Guilty, plea	4
		JAYHUD12WT17	CDS	Guilty, plea	5
		JAYHUD06WT17	CDS	Dismissed	1
		JAYHUD06WT17	CDS	Guilty, plea	26
		JAYHUD06WT17	CDS	PTI	2
		JAYHUD06WT17	Leader Narcotics	Guilty, plea	2
		JAYHUD06WT17	Weapons Viol	Dismissed	1
		JAYHUD06WT17	Weapons Viol	Guilty, DP	1
2018		MJNHUD01WT18	CDS	Guilty, plea	3
		MJNHUD01WT18	CDS	PTI	2
Mercer County					
2013		PJJMER02WT13	Racketeering	Dismissed, post	1
2016		PEWMER4WT16	CDS	Not guilty, trial	1
Monmouth County					
2017		DFBMON1WT17	Racketeering	PTI	2
		DFBMON1WT17	Racketeering	Def deceased	1
		DFBMON1WT17	Racketeering	Guilty, plea	13
		DFBMON8WT17	CDS	Dismissed	4
		DFBMON8WT17	CDS	Guilty, plea	4
		DFBMON8WT17	CDS	PTI	3
		DFBMON1WT17	Racketeering	Dismissed	2

YEAR	COUNTY/ AGENCY	WIRE NUMBER	ARREST OFFENSE	DEFENDANT STATUS	NUMBER
Ocean County					
2014		FRHOCE1WT14	CDS	Dismissed, post	1
2015		FRHOCE1WT15	CDS	Guilty, plea	1
		FRHOCE1WT15	CDS	Dismissed	2
2017		WEDOCE07WT17	CDS	Guilty, plea	13
Office of the Attorney General					
2016		SJTMOR11WT15	Racketeering	Guilty plea less indictable	1
		TLFMID6WT15	CDS	Guilty plea most serious	2
		EJMCAM3WT15	CDS	Dismissed	1
		MGCESX6WT16	CDS	Guilty plea most serious	1
		MACPAS1WT16	CDS	Dismissed	3
2017		BEDATL006WT17	CDS	PTI	6
		EJMCAM15WT16	Racketeering	Guilty plea most serious	3
		EJMCAM15WT16	Racketeering	Guilty, plea	3
		TLPMER001WT17	CDS	Guilty plea less indictable	1
		EJMCAM05WT16	Racketeering	Guilty, plea	2
		TLPMER001WT17	CDS	Guilty plea most serious	3
		ARMID1WT17	CDS	Dismissed	8
		ARMID1WT17	CDS	PTI	1
		BEDATL006WT17	CDS	Guilty, plea	2
		TLPMER001WT17	CDS	Dismissed	1
2018		MACPAS6WT17	Leader Narcotics	Dismissed, pre	2
		MACPAS7WT17	Leader Narcotics	Guilty plea most serious	2
		LLLSAL006WT17	Racketeering	Guilty, plea	1
		LLLSAL006WT17	CDS	Guilty, plea	1
		EAJBER2WT17	CDS	Guilty plea less indictable	2

YEAR	COUNTY/ AGENCY	WIRE NUMBER	ARREST OFFENSE	DEFENDANT STATUS	NUMBER
Passaic County					
2011		MCCPAS0211	Leader Narcotics	Guilty plea less indictable	1
2014		MCCPAS1WT14	CDS	PTI	2
2016		MACPAS5WT16	CDS	PTI	3
		MACPAS5WT16	CDS	Guilty, plea	2
		MACPAS5WT16	CDS	Def deceased	1
2017		MACPAS3WT17	CDS	Guilty plea less indictable	1
		MACPAS3WT17	CDS	Guilty, plea	3
		MACPAS4WT17	CDS	Guilty plea less indictable	1
		MACPAS1WT17	CDS	PTI	5
		MACPAS4WT17	CDS	Guilty, plea	1
		MACPAS4WT17	CDS	PTI	5
		MACPAS3WT17	CDS	Downgrade to DP	1
		MACPAS1WT17	CDS	Ref'd, US Atty/Fed Court	2
Somerset County					
2018		ARSOM1WT18	CDS	Guilty plea less indictable	2
		ARSOM1WT18	CDS	Guilty, plea	1
		ARSOM1WT18	CDS	PTI	2
		ARSOM1WT18	CDS	Dismissed	2
Union County					
2018		RCUNI9WT18	Conspiracy	Dismissed	1
		RCUNI9WT18	CDS	Downgrade to DP	1

SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY

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MEMORANDUM TO: THE HONORABLE PHILIP D. MURPHY AND THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

The New Jersey Wiretapping and Electronic Surveillance Control Act (N.J.S.A. 2A:156A-1 to -34) requires the Chief Justice to submit an annual report to the Governor and the Legislature (N.J.S.A. 2A:156A-23E). In accordance with that section, I am submitting this report to inform you of the operation of the Act during 2018.

N.J.S.A. 2A:156A-2(i) provides that only Superior Court judges designated by the Chief Justice are authorized to hear wiretap applications. For the year 2018, the following judges were authorized wiretap judges: by order dated July 22, 1999, Judge Marilyn C. Clark; by order dated July 16, 2009, Judge Ronald E. Bookbinder and Judge Yolanda Ciccone; by order dated May 26, 2010, Judge Bernard E. DeLury, Jr.; by order dated October 3, 2011, Judge Sheila A. Venable; by order dated March 1, 2012, Judge Mary C. Jacobson; by order dated December 19, 2012, Judge Stuart A. Minkowitz; by order dated April 21, 2014, Judge Ronald D. Wigler; by order dated August 11, 2014, Judge Lisa P. Thornton and Judge Miguel A. de la Carrera; by order dated November 24, 2014, Judge Edward J. McBride, Jr.; by order dated February 24, 2015, Judge Michele M. Fox and Judge Wendel E. Daniels; by order dated April 30, 2015, Judge Bonnie J. Mizdol, Judge James J. Guida, and Judge Edward A. Jerejian; by order dated May 22, 2015, Judge Stephen J. Taylor; by order dated August 11, 2015, Judge Regina Caulfield; by order dated July 28, 2015, Judge Benjamin C. Telsey and Judge Patricia M. Wild; by order dated September 28, 2015, Judge Martin G. Cronin; by order dated December 8, 2015, Judge Peter E. Warshaw; by order dated May 6, 2016, Judge David F. Bauman; by order dated July 13, 2016, Judge John A. Young, Jr.; by order dated August 12, 2016, Judge Timothy P. Lydon; by order dated February 14, 2017, Judge Margaret M. Foti; by order dated June 15, 2017, Judge Linda L. Lawhun; by order dated June 20, 2017, Judge Alberto Rivas; by order dated July 26, 2017, Judge Mark J. Nelson; by order dated March 1, 2018, Judge Robert M. Vinci; by order dated May 21, 2018, Judge Frances A. McGrogan; and by order dated August 22, 2018, Judge Mitzy Galis-Menendez.

The data for the year 2018 includes reports of all orders granting permission to intercept wire, electronic and/or oral communications, or to perform electronic surveillance, for any period that ended in 2018. It is the actual termination date of the surveillance that governs which reports are included within the reporting year. During 2018, the reports to the Administrative Office of the Courts reflected 109 applications¹ seeking permission to intercept wire, electronic or oral communications. No applications were denied. Thus, in 2018 the authorized judges entered 109 orders granting permission to intercept wire, electronic and/or oral communications.

Of the 109 orders entered, 95 permitted interception of wire communications, 14 permitted interception of electronic communications, and 0 permitted interception of oral communications. There were 23 orders authorized for 30 days each, 81 were specified for 20 days each, and 5 others were authorized for less than 20 days each. Additionally, 66 extensions of previously entered orders were granted during the reporting year. Of these, 18 extensions were for 30 days, 4 extensions were for 20 days and 2 extensions were for 11 days. There were another 42 extensions for 10 days or less.

The distribution of orders and extensions among the judges authorized to issue orders during 2018 was as follows:

Judges	Orders	Extensions
David F. Bauman	2	1
Ronald E. Bookbinder	2	1
Regina Caulfield	14	5
Yolanda Ciccone	15	2
Marilyn C. Clark	2	2
Martin G. Cronin	1	2
Wendel E. Daniels	9	15
Bernard E. DeLury, Jr.	4	1
Miguel A. de la Carrera	1	0
Margaret M. Foti	1	0

¹ Note that the Office of the Attorney General reports 104 applications. The numbers differ because of differences in reporting methods for the two reports. The Judiciary reports a wiretap in the year that it terminated. The Attorney General does not report a wiretap until the investigation in the case is complete.

Judges	Orders	Extensions
Michele M. Fox	0	0
Mitzi Galis-Menendez	0	0
James J. Guida	2	0
Mary C. Jacobson	0	0
Edward A. Jerejian	3	6
Linda L. Lawhun	10	4
Timothy P. Lydon	0	0
Edward J. McBride, Jr.	16	12
Francis A. McGrogan	0	0
Stuart A. Minkowitz	0	0
Bonnie J. Mizdol	0	0
Mark J. Nelson	4	4
Alberto Rivas	10	3
Stephen J. Taylor	1	0
Benjamin C. Telsey	1	0
Lisa P. Thornton	2	0
Sheila A. Venable	0	0
Robert M. Vinci	0	0
Peter E. Warshaw	0	0
Ronald D. Wigler	0	0
Patricia M. Wild	4	4
John A. Young, Jr.	5	4
Total	109	66

N.J.S.A. 2A:156A-8 specifies the categories of officials who may authorize an application to an authorized judge. The following officials authorized the indicated number of applications during the reporting year:

	Number of Applications Authorized
Gurbir S. Grewal	21
Michael H. Robertson	18
Michael A. Monahan	13
Joseph D. Coronato	9
Mary Eva Colalillo	7
Jeffrey Sutherland	7
Dennis Calo	6
Esther Suarez	6
Jennifer Webb-McRae	5
Christopher J. Gramiccioni	4
Jennifer S. Davenport	4
Scott A. Coffina	2
Katherine L. Morris	2
Charles Fiore	1
Frederic M. Knapp	1
Robert Laurino	1
Ann M. Luvera	1
Damon G. Tyner	1
Total Applications	109

During the reporting year the following law enforcement agencies made applications to authorized officials seeking permission to intercept wire, electronic and/or oral communications.

	Number of Applications
Division of Criminal Justice	22
Somerset County Prosecutor's Office	18
Union County Prosecutor's Office	14
Ocean County Prosecutor's Office	9
Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office	8
Camden County Prosecutor's Office	7
Bergen County Prosecutor's Office	6
Hudson County Prosecutor's Office	6
Cumberland County Prosecutor's Office	5
Gloucester County Prosecutor's Office	5
Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office	4
Burlington County Prosecutor's Office	2
Essex County Prosecutor's Office	1
New Jersey State Police	1
Roxbury Township Police Department	1
Total Applications	109

N.J.S.A. 2A:156A-8 specifies the offenses for which an order may be entered for interception of wire, electronic and/or oral communications. During 2018, orders were granted in connection with investigations of the following crimes:

Number of Applications Authorized	
Narcotics	93
Conspiracy	23
Racketeering	23
Money Laundering	10
Murder	9
Unlawful Manuf., Purchase, Use or Transfer of Firearms	6
Forgery	3
Human Trafficking	3
Total	170

Please note that because some orders involved the investigation of more than one offense, the total number of offenses listed (170) is greater than the number of orders issued (109).

N.J.S.A. 2A:156A-11 provides that in certain instances a showing of special need is required before an order for interception of wire, electronic and/or oral communication is to be granted. The reports made by the authorized judges indicate that in reporting year 2018, a showing of special need was required in 5 of the orders, a showing was not required in 73 orders, and the special need information was not available in 31 orders.

Respectfully submitted,



Chief Justice Stuart Rabner