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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 2015.

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2015 COURT-AUTHORIZED
ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE

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

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Court-Authorized Electronic Surveillance

2015

The New Jersey Wiretapping and Electronic Surveillance Control Act require 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 2015 applications and orders, supplemental follow-up data is provided for electronic surveillance orders reported in previous calendar years.

APPLICATIONS

In 2015, 176 applications for electronic surveillance orders were reported statewide pursuant to the Wiretap Act.¹ The applications authorized by prosecution officials are as follows.

County	Prosecution Official	Number of Applications
Atlantic County	Prosecutor McClain	8
Bergen County	Prosecutor Molinelli	8
Burlington County	Prosecutor Bernardi	4
Camden County	Prosecutor Colalillo	12
Cape May County	Prosecutor Taylor	8
Cumberland County	Prosecutor Webb-McRae	9
Essex County	A/Prosecutor Murray	20
Gloucester County	Prosecutor Dalton	18
Hudson County	Prosecutor Gregory	6
Hudson County	Prosecutor Suarez	9
Mercer County	A/Prosecutor Onofri	2
Monmouth County	A/Prosecutor Gramiccioni	5
Morris County	Prosecutor Knapp	2
Ocean County	Prosecutor Coronato	21
Attorney General	AAG Hoffman	18
Attorney General	AG Chiesa	2
Attorney General	AG Dow	3
Passaic County	Prosecutor Valdez	2
Salem County	Prosecutor Lenahan	2
Somerset County	Prosecutor Soriano	11
Sussex County	Prosecutor Koch	1
Union County	A/Prosecutor Park	5

Total applications for Electronic Surveillance Orders 176

¹The Federal AOC and New Jersey Prosecutor's Offices report orders in the year that they are filed. The State Attorney General reports orders in the year that the investigation is completed. Forty-seven wires were authorized in the year 2015 by the Attorney General but will not appear in the state report until the investigations are completed.

ORDERS FOR ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE

In all, 176 court orders were entered granting court authorization for electronic surveillance in 2015. Extensions were requested and granted for 23 intercept orders. In addition, second extensions were granted in 6 instances.

Of the 176 orders requesting interception of communication, 118 authorized wire (telephone) intercepts, 27 authorized electronic intercepts, 22 orders granted both wire and electronic intercepts, 5 orders granted oral intercepts and 4 granted wire, oral and electronic intercepts.

Type of Intercept	Number
Wire	118
Electronic	27
Wire/Electronic	22
Oral	5
Wire/oral/electronic	4

There were a total of 118 requests for personal cell phones and text communications, 45 for pre-recorded jail conversations, 5 for landline wires, 5 for microphone recordings, 2 for a computer including e-mails and 1 for voicemail recordings.

Type of Intercept	Number
Mobile - Cell	77
Previously Recorded /Jail	45
Cell and Text	41
Microphone	5
Landline	5
Computer and E-mail	2
Voice Mail	1

- Of the 176 orders requesting interception of communications, 169 were installed and utilized, 7 intercepts were never installed.

Installation	Number
Installed, used	169
Never Installed	7

- Of the 176 orders, 86 authorized use of intercepts for 20 days, 46 for 1 day, 28 for 30 days, 13 for 10 days, 2 for 15 days and 1 for 33 days.

Wires	Days
86	20
46	1
28	30
13	10
2	15
1	33

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; arson, assault, controlled dangerous substance offenses, conspiracy, child endangerment/ abuse, human trafficking, leader of a narcotics network, murder, official misconduct/bribery, racketeering, robbery, terroristic threats, weapons violations and witness tampering.

Of the 176 orders authorizing electronic surveillance, the majority, listed controlled dangerous substance offenses as the most serious offense 72 (41%) followed by murder 41 (23%) and racketeering 15 (9%).

Offense	Number	Percent
Controlled Dangerous Substance Offenses	72	41%
Murder	41	23%
Racketeering	15	9%
Robbery	11	6%
Assault	8	5%
Leader Narcotics	6	3%
Human Trafficking	6	3%
Weapons Violations	4	2%
Witness Tampering	3	2%
Official Misconduct/Bribery	3	2%
Child Endangerment/Abuse	3	2%
Conspiracy	2	1%
Arson	1	1%
Terroristic Threats	1	1%
	176	100%

DEFENDANT INDICTMENTS AND DISPOSITIONS

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

In 2015, the 171 'installed and utilized' wires resulted in 362 arrests. Of the 362 arrests, 166 defendants were indicted statewide.

At the end of 2015, of the 362 defendants arrested, 341 were awaiting prosecutorial decisions with cases pending. Twenty-one defendants indicted reached final disposition.

Prosecutorial Decision	Number
Cases Pending	341
Final Disposition	21

- Of the 21 defendants reaching final disposition, 15 were convicted through guilty pleas and 4 were admitted into a pre-trial intervention program. Two defendants had their cases dismissed.

Final Disposition	Number
Guilty Plea	15
PTI	4
Dismissed	2

- In 2015 of the 166 defendants indicted, 134 (81%) were indicted for controlled dangerous substance (and related) offenses and 11 (7%) were indicted for racketeering.

Indictment Offense	Number	Percent
Controlled Dangerous Substances	134	81%
Racketeering	11	7%
Conspiracy	9	5%
Murder	5	3%
Official Mis/Bribery	4	2%
Leader of Narcotics	2	1%
Robbery	1	1%
	166	100%

**ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE
WIRETAP LIST BY COUNTY/AGENCY
2015**

2015 Wiretap List by County/Agency

COUNTY/ AGENCY	WIRE NUMBER	MOST SERIOUS OFFENSE	APPLICATION DATE	SURVEILLANCE TYPE	OUTCOME
Atlantic County					
	MADATL9WT15	CDS		Wire	Pending Invest
	MADat17WT15	Assault		Wire	Pending Invest
	BEDat128WT15	Murder		Wire	Pending Invest
	BEDat127WT15	Murder		Wire	Pending Invest
	BEDat126WT15	Murder		Wire	Pending Invest
	BEDATL013WT15	Murder		Wire	Closed, No Action
	MADATL018WT15	Witness Tamperi		Wire	Closed, No Action
	MADATL019WT15	Murder		Wire	Pending Invest
Bergen County					
	SJSBER11WT15	Murder		Wire	Pending Invest
	SJSBER15WT15	Murder		Oral	Pending Invest
	SJSBER12WT15	Murder		Oral	Pending Invest
	SJSBER13WT15	Murder		Wire	Pending Invest
	SJSBER14WT15	Murder		Wire	Pending Invest
	SJSBER10WT15	Murder		Wire	Pending Invest
	LSSBER1WT15	murder		Wire	Arrests
	LSSBER2WT15	Murder		Wire	Pending Invest
Burlington County					
	REBBUR3WT15	CDS		Wire/Electronic	Pending Invest
	REBBUR4WT15	CDS		Wire/Electronic	Pending Invest
	REBBUR2WT15	CDS		Wire/Electronic	Pending Invest
	REBBUR1WT15	CDS		Wire/Electronic	Pending Invest

COUNTY/ AGENCY	WIRE NUMBER	MOST SERIOUS OFFENSE	APPLICATION DATE	SURVEILLANCE TYPE	OUTCOME
Camden County					
	EJMcam1WT15	Witness Tamperi		Wire	Pending Invest
	MMFCAM2WT15	Leader Narcotics		Wire/Electronic	Pending Invest
	EJMCAM19WT15	Murder		Wire	Arrests
	EJMCAM13WT15	Robbery		Wire	Arrests
	EJMCAM24WT15	Murder		Wire	Never implemented
	EJMcam12WT15	Robbery		Wire	Pending Invest
	MMFCAM1WT15X	Leader Narcotics		Wire/Electronic	Pending Invest
	EJMCAM22WT15	Murder		Wire	Never implemented
	EJMcam2WT15	Assault		Wire	Pending Invest
	EJMCAM09WT15	Arson		Wire	Pending Invest
	EJMCAM23WT15	Leader Narcotics		Wire/Electronic	Pending Invest
	EJMCAM21WT15	Murder		Wire	Never implemented
Cape May County					
	BEDCPM14WT15	CDS		Wire/oral/electr	Pending Invest
	BEDCPM20WT15	Robbery		Wire	Arrests
	BEDCPM23WT15	Robbery		Wire	Pending Invest
	BEDCPM21WT15	Robbery		Wire	Pending Invest
	BEDCPM10WT15	CDS		Wire/oral/electr	Pending Invest
	BEDCPM16WT15	CDS		Wire/oral/electr	Pending Invest
	BEDCPM11WT15	CDS		Wire/oral/electr	Pending Invest
	BEDCPM022WT15	Robbery		Wire	Pending Invest
Cumberland County					
	BCTCUM31WT15	CDS		Wire/Electronic	Pending Invest

COUNTY/ AGENCY	WIRE NUMBER	MOST SERIOUS OFFENSE	APPLICATION DATE	SURVEILLANCE TYPE	OUTCOME
Essex County	TGFCUM06WT15	Conspiracy		Electronic	Arrests
	BCTCUM34WT15	CDS		Wire/Electronic	Pending Invest
	TGFCUM6WT15	Conspiracy		Wire	Pending Invest
	BCTCUM29WT15	CDS		Wire/Electronic	Arrests
	TGFCUM19WT15	Murder		Electronic	Arrests
	BCTCUM33WT15	CDS		Wire/Electronic	Pending Invest
	BCTCUM30WT16	CDS		Wire/Electronic	Pending Invest
	BCTCUM32WT15	CDS		Wire/Electronic	Pending Invest
	RDWESS28WT15	CDS		Wire/Electronic	Pending Invest
	RDWESS21WT15	Murder		Wire	Closed, No Action
	RDWESS23WT15	CDS		Wire/Electronic	Pending Invest
	RDWESS30WT15	Witness Tamperi		Wire	Closed
	RDWESS1WT15	Assault		Wire	Closed, No Action
	RDWESS20WT15	CDS		Wire/Electronic	Pending Invest
	RDWESS17WT15	Assault		Wire	Never implemented
	RDWESS31WT15	Murder		Wire	Closed, No Action
	RDWESS26WT15	CDS		Wire/Electronic	Arrests
	RDWESS24WT15	Assault		Wire	Closed, No Action
	RDWESS19WT15	Racketeering		Wire	Closed, No Action
	RDWESS18WT15	Racketeering		Wire	Closed, No Action
	RDWESS29WT15	CDS		Wire/Electronic	Pending Invest
	RDWESS25WT15	CDS		Wire	Closed, No Action

COUNTY/ AGENCY	WIRE NUMBER	MOST SERIOUS OFFENSE	APPLICATION DATE	SURVEILLANCE TYPE	OUTCOME
	RDWESS27WT15	CDS		Wire/Electronic	Pending Invest
	RDWESS32WT15	Racketeering		Wire	Closed
	RDWESS14WT15	Murder		Wire	Closed, No Action
	RDWESS22WT15	CDS		Wire/Electronic	Pending Invest
	RDWESS16WT15	Assault		Wire	Closed, No Action
	RDWess15WT15	Assault		Wire	Pending Invest
Gloucester County					
	TGFGLO13WT15	Murder		Wire	Pending Invest
	TGFglo10WT15	Weapons Viol		Wire	Pending Invest
	TGFGLO17WT15	Murder		Wire	Pending Invest
	TGFGLO18WT15	Murder		Wire	Pending Invest
	TGFglo4WT15	Robbery		Electronic	Pending Invest
	TGFGLO12WT15	Murder		Wire	Pending Invest
	TGFglo3WT15	Robbery		Electronic	Pending Invest
	TGFglo11WT15	Weapons Viol		Wire	Pending Invest
	TGFglo5WT15	Robbery		Electronic	Pending Invest
	TGFglo20WT15	Murder		Wire	Pending Invest
	TGFGLO14WT15	Murder		Wire	Pending Invest
	TGFglo7WT15	Murder		Wire	Pending Invest
	TGFglo1WT15	Robbery		Electronic	Pending Invest
	TGFglo8WT15	Murder		Wire	Pending Invest
	TGFglo16WT15	Endanger Child		Electronic	Pending Invest
	TGFglo15WT15	Endanger Child		Electronic	Pending Invest

COUNTY/ AGENCY	WIRE NUMBER	MOST SERIOUS OFFENSE	APPLICATION DATE	SURVEILLANCE TYPE	OUTCOME
	TGFglo2WT15	Robbery		Electronic	Pending Invest
	TGFglo9WT15	Murder		Wire	Pending Invest
Hudson County					
	JVIHUD06WT15	CDS		Wire	Pending Invest
	JVIHUD01WT15	Murder		Wire	Arrests
	MGMHUD15WT15	CDS		Wire	Pending Invest
	JVIHUD02WT15	Leader Narcotics		Wire	Arrests
	JVIHUD10WT15	Official Mis/Brib		Electronic	Never implemented
	MGMhud13WT15	Weapons Viol		Electronic	Pending Invest
	JVIHUD03WT15	Official Mis/Brib		Wire	Arrests
	JVIHUD04WT15	Leader Narcotics		Wire	Pending Invest
	MGMHUD14WT15	CDS		Wire	Pending Invest
	MGMHUD09WT15	CDS		Wire	Pending Invest
	MGMHUD12WT15	CDS		Wire	Pending Invest
	MGMHUD11WT15	CDS		Wire	Pending Invest
	MGMHUD08WT15	CDS		Wire	Arrests
	JVIHUD05WT15	Official Mis/Brib		Wire	Pending Invest
	JVIHUD07WT15	Murder		Electronic	Arrests
Mercer County					
	PJMER01WT15	Assault		Electronic	Never implemented
	PJMER02WT15	Murder		Wire/Electronic	Arrests
Monmouth County					
	LPTMON5WT15	CDS		Wire	Pending Invest
	LPTMON4WT15	CDS		Wire	Pending Invest

COUNTY/ AGENCY	WIRE NUMBER	MOST SERIOUS OFFENSE	APPLICATION DATE	SURVEILLANCE TYPE	OUTCOME
	LPTMON7WT15	CDS		Wire	Pending Invest
	LPTMON3WT15	CDS		Wire	Arrests
	LPTMON6WT15	CDS		Wire	Pending Invest
Morris County					
	SAMMOR2WT15	CDS		Wire	Pending Invest
	SAMMOR1WT15	Leader Narcotics		Wire	Arrests
Ocean County					
	WEDOCE5WT15X	CDS		Wire	Pending Invest
	WEDOCE6WT15	CDS		Wire	Pending Invest
	WEDOCE8WT15	CDS		Wire	Pending Invest
	LPTOCE01WT15	CDS		Wire	Pending Invest
	FRHOCE5WT15	CDS		Wire	Pending Invest
	WEDOCE9WT15	CDS		Wire	Pending Invest
	FRHOCE1WT15	CDS		Wire	Arrests
	WEDOCE10WT15	CDS		Wire	Pending Invest
	WEDOCE11WT15	CDS		Wire	Pending Invest
	WEDOCE7WT15	CDS		Wire	Pending Invest
	FRHOCE3WT15	Murder		Wire	Pending Invest
	WEDOCE15WT15	CDS		Wire	Pending Invest
	FRHOCE1AWT15	CDS		Wire	Pending Invest
	WEDOCE01WT15X	CDS		Wire	Pending Invest
	WEDOCE14WT15	CDS		Wire	Pending Invest
	WEDOCE13WT15	CDS		Wire	Pending Invest
	LPTOCE02WT15	CDS		Wire	Pending Invest

COUNTY/ AGENCY	WIRE NUMBER	MOST SERIOUS OFFENSE	APPLICATION DATE	SURVEILLANCE TYPE	OUTCOME
	FRHOCE4WT15	CDS		Wire	Pending Invest
	WEDOCE15WT15X	CDS		Wire	Pending Invest
	WEDOCE12WT15	CDS		Wire	Pending Invest
	FRHOCE2WT15	CDS		Wire	Pending Invest
Office of the Attorney General					
	TVMMOR8WT11	Racketeering		Oral	Pending Invest
	TVMMOR7WT11	CDS		Wire	Pending Invest
	LSDBER9WT15	Terr Threats		Electronic	Pending Invest
	LSDBER5WT15	Human Trafficki		Electronic	Pending Invest
	LSDBER7WT15	Human Trafficki		Electronic	Pending Invest
	TVMMOR10WT10	Racketeering		Wire	Closed, No Action
	LSDBER6WT15	Human Trafficki		Electronic	Pending Invest
	TVMMOR1WT11	Racketeering		Wire	Pending Invest
	LSDBER4WT15	Human Trafficki		Electronic	Pending Invest
	LSDBER8WT15	Human Trafficki		Electronic	Pending Invest
	JPDUNI14WT13	Racketeering		Wire	Arrests
	MACPAS67WT15	CDS		Wire	Pending Invest
	TLFMID05WT15	CDS		Wire	Pending Invest
	MCJMER3WT15	CDS		Wire	Pending Invest
	TLFMID04WT15	CDS		Wire	Pending Invest
	TLFMID02WT15	CDS		Wire	Pending Invest
	TLFMID01WT15	CDS		Wire	Pending Invest
	TLFMID03WT15	CDS		Wire	Pending Invest

COUNTY/ AGENCY	WIRE NUMBER	MOST SERIOUS OFFENSE	APPLICATION DATE	SURVEILLANCE TYPE	OUTCOME
	PJMER04WT13	Racketeering		Wire	Pending Invest
	LSDBER3WT15	Human Trafficki		Electronic	Pending Invest
	TVMMOR2WT11	Racketeering		Wire	Pending Invest
	JPDUNI15WT13	Racketeering		Wire	Pending Invest
	PJMER3WT15	Weapons Viol		Wire	Pending Invest
Passaic County					
	MACPAS7WT15	CDS		Wire	Pending Invest
	MACPAS6WT15	CDS		Wire	Pending Invest
Salem County					
	EJMSLM20WT15	CDS		Wire	Pending Invest
	EJMSLM18WT15	CDS		Wire	Arrests
Somerset County					
	YCsom8WT15	CDS		Electronic	Pending Invest
	YCsom5WT15	Murder		Oral	Pending Invest
	YCsom9WT15	CDS		Electronic	Pending Invest
	YCsom10WT15	CDS		Electronic	Pending Invest
	YCSOM7WT15	CDS		Wire/Electronic	Arrests
	YCSOM11WT15	Murder		Wire	Pending Invest
	YCsom6WT15	Murder		Oral	Pending Invest
	YCsom4WT15	Murder		Wire	Pending Invest
	YCSOM2WT15	Murder		Electronic	Pending Invest
	YCSOM1WT15	Murder		Electronic	Pending Invest
	YCsom3WT15	Murder		Electronic	Pending Invest

COUNTY/ AGENCY	WIRE NUMBER	MOST SERIOUS OFFENSE	APPLICATION DATE	SURVEILLANCE TYPE	OUTCOME
Sussex County					
	SAMSUS03WT15	Endanger Child		Electronic	Pending Invest
Union County					
	JPDUNI3WT15	Racketeering		Wire	Pending Invest
	RCUNI1WT15	Racketeering		Wire	Arrests
	JPDUNI2WT15	Racketeering		Wire	Pending Invest
	JPDUNI4WT15	Racketeering		Wire	Pending Invest
	JPDUNI1WT15	Racketeering		Wire	Arrests

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT FOR ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE
(Reported as of December 31, 2015)

Electronic Surveillance - Supplementary Report

Defendant Dispositions Occurring in 2015

YEAR	COUNTY/ AGENCY	WIRE NUMBER	OFFENSE	DEFENDANT STATUS	NUMBER
2008	Camden County	SDNCAM2008	Murder Consp	Guilty, plea	1
2009	Camden County	SDNCAM1009	CDS	Dismissed	2
	Warren County	LRFWAR1509	CDS	Guilty, plea	1
2010	Ocean County	FRHOCE0810	CDS	Guilty plea less indictable	2
		FRHOCE0810	CDS	Guilty, plea	1
		FRHOCE0810	CDS	Pending	1
	Office of the Attorney General	BTBMOR3907	Racketeering	Guilty plea most serious	3
		BTBMOR3907	Racketeering	Guilty, plea	4
		KGCHUD11909	CDS	Guilty plea most serious	1
2011	Bergen County	LSDSBER0411	Money Laundering	Guilty, plea	1
	Cumberland County	WLMCUM004WT11	DESECRATION	Dismissed	1
		WLMCUM004WT11	DESECRATION	Pending	1
		WLMCUM004WT11	Murder	Guilty, plea	1
	Gloucester County	SDNGLO0211	CDS	Guilty plea less indictable	1
		SDNGLO0211	CDS	Guilty plea most serious	3
		SDNGLO0211	CDS	Guilty, plea	1
	Monmouth County	LMLMON0211	Racketeering	Guilty, plea	2
	Ocean County	FRHOCE0111		Guilty plea less indictable	1
		FRHOCE0111		Guilty, plea	1
		FRHOCE0111	CDS	Guilty, plea	4
	Passaic County				

YEAR	COUNTY/ AGENCY	WIRE NUMBER	OFFENSE	DEFENDANT STATUS	NUMBER
2012		GGBPAS1511	CDS	Dismissed, post	1
	Cumberland County				
		WLMCUM04WT12	Att Murder	Guilty, trial	1
		WLMCUM06WT12	Murder	Guilty, plea	4
	Essex County				
		PJVESS01WT12	CDS	Guilty, plea	1
	Monmouth County				
		LMLMON1WT12XX	Conspiracy	Guilty, trial	1
	Morris County				
		TVMMOR3WT12	CDS	Dismissed	1
	Ocean County				
		FRHOCE1WT12	CDS	Def deceased	1
		FRHOCE1WT12	CDS	Dismissed	1
		FRHOCE1WT12	CDS	Guilty plea less indictable	4
		FRHOCE1WT12	CDS	Guilty, plea	2
		FRHOCE1WT12	CDS	PTI	1
	Office of the Attorney General				
		SDNCAM2WT12	CDS	Guilty plea most serious	2
2013					
	Bergen County				
		LSDSBER02WT13	CDS	Guilty, plea	6
	Cape May County				
		BEDCPM14WT13	CDS	Dismissed	1
		MADCPM018WT13	Weapons Viol	Dismissed	3
		MADCPM018WT13	Weapons Viol	Guilty, plea	1
	Mercer County				
		PJMER02WT13	Racketeering	Guilty, plea	1
		PJMER02WT13	Racketeering	PTI	1
	Monmouth County				
		LMLMON1WT13	CDS	Guilty, plea	2
		LMLMON1WT13	Gambling	Dismissed	1
		LMLMON1WT13	Gambling	Guilty, plea	1
		LMLMON1WT13	Gambling	PTI	1
		LMLMON1WT13	Racketeering	Guilty, plea	2
	Morris County				
		SAMMORIWT13	CDS	PTI	1
	Ocean County				

YEAR	COUNTY/ AGENCY	WIRE NUMBER	OFFENSE	DEFENDANT STATUS	NUMBER
2014	Office of the Attorney General	FRHOCE1WT13	CDS	Dismissed	1
		FRHOCE1WT13	CDS	Guilty plea less indictable	2
		FRHOCE1WT13	CDS	Guilty, plea	2
		b	CDS	Ref'd Mun Court	1
		b	Racketeering	Guilty plea most serious	1
		MCCPAS0401WT13	CDS	No Action	1
		SDNCAM01WT13	Conspiracy	Guilty plea less indictable	1
		SDNCAM01WT13	Leader Narcotics	Guilty plea most serious	1
		TLFMID1WT13	Conspiracy	Dismissed	1
		TLFMID1WT13	Conspiracy	Guilty plea less indictable	1
		TLFMID1WT13	Conspiracy	Guilty plea most serious	1
	Atlantic County	MADATL019WT14	Att Murder	Guilty, plea	1
		LSDSBER5WT14	Racketeering	PTI	1
		LSDSBER6WT14	Racketeering	Downgrade to DP	3
	Bergen County	LSDSBER6WT14	Racketeering	Guilty plea most serious	3
		LSDSBER6WT14	Racketeering	PTI	19
		REBBUR1WT14	CDS	Guilty plea most serious	1
	Burlington County	REBBUR1WT14	CDS	Guilty, plea	6
		SDNCAM13WT14	CDS	Dismissed	1
		SDNCAM13WT14	CDS	Guilty, plea	1
	Camden County	MADCPM10WT14	CDS	Dismissed	7
		MADCPM10WT14	CDS	Guilty, plea	8
		WLMCUM02WT14	CDS	Dismissed	1
	Cape May County	WLMCUM1WT14	CDS	Guilty, plea	3
		RDWESS07WT14	CDS	Dismissed	2
		RDWESS07WT14	CDS	Guilty, plea	20
	Cumberland County	LMLMON4WT13	Racketeering	Guilty, DP	1
		LMLMON4WT13	Racketeering	Guilty, plea	12
		LMLMON4WT13	Racketeering	PTI	3

YEAR	COUNTY/ AGENCY	WIRE NUMBER	OFFENSE	DEFENDANT STATUS	NUMBER
2015	Morris County				
		SAMMOR4WT14	CDS	Guilty, plea	1
		SAMMOR6WT14	CDS	Dismissed, pre	2
		SAMMOR6WT14	CDS	Guilty, plea	3
	Ocean County				
		FRHOCE1WT14	CDS	Guilty, plea	3
	Office of the Attorney General				
		SAMMOR2WT13	CDS	Guilty, plea	1
		SAMMOR2WT13	CDS	Ref'd Mun Court	5
		SDNCAM3WT13	CDS	Guilty plea less indictable	1
		TLFMID5WT13	CDS	Guilty, plea	3
	Passaic County				
		MCCPAS1WT14	CDS	Guilty, plea	1
	Union County				
		JPDUNI5WT14	CDS	PTI	1
	Camden County				
		EJMCAM13WT15	Robbery	Guilty, plea	1
	Cape May County				
		BEDCPM10WT15	CDS	Dismissed	1
		BEDCPM10WT15	CDS	Guilty, plea	2
		BEDCPM20WT15	CDS	Guilty, plea	1
	Monmouth County				
		LPTMON3WT15	CDS	Guilty, plea	3
	Ocean County				
		FRHOCE1WT15	CDS	Guilty, plea	5
	Somerset County				
		YCSOM7WT15	CDS	Dismissed	1
		YCSOM7WT15	CDS	Guilty, plea	3
		YCSOM7WT15	CDS	PTI	4

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MEMORANDUM TO: THE HONORABLE CHRIS CHRISTIE 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 2015.

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 2015, the following judges were authorized wiretap judges: by order dated December 3, 1997, Judge Samuel D. Natal; by order dated July 22, 1999, Judge Marilyn C. Clark; by order dated May 26, 2007, Judge Travis L. Francis; by order dated February 1, 2009, Judge Joseph P. Donohue; by order dated February 18, 2009, Judge Peter E. Doyne; by order dated July 16, 2009, Judge Ronald E. Bookbinder, Judge Yolanda Ciccone, and Judge Francis R. Hodgson, Jr.; by order dated February 17, 2010, Judge Pedro J. Jimenez, Jr.; by order dated May 26, 2010, Judge Michael A. Donio and Judge Bernard E. DeLury, Jr.; by order dated August 26, 2010, Judge Liliana DeAvila-Silebi; by order dated October 3, 2011, Judge Joseph V. Isabella and 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 July 23, 2014, Judge Timothy G. Farrell; by order dated August 11, 2014, Judge Lisa P. Thornton, Judge Miguel A. de la Carrera and Judge Mitzy Galis-Menendez; by order dated November 24, 2014, Judge Edward M. McBride; 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 Susan J. Steele, Judge James J. Guida, and Judge Edward A. Jerejian; by order dated May 22, 2015, Judge Stephen 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; and by order dated December 8, 2015, Judge Peter E. Warshaw.

The data for the year 2015 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 2015. It is the actual termination date of the surveillance that governs which reports are included within the reporting year. During 2015, the reports to the Administrative Office of the

Courts reflected 202 applications¹ seeking permission to intercept wire, electronic or oral communications. There were 2 denied applications. Thus, in 2015 the authorized judges entered 200 orders granting permission to intercept wire, electronic and/or oral communications.

Of the 200 orders entered, 158 permitted interception of wire communications, 38 permitted interception of electronic communications, and 4 permitted interception of oral communications. There were 45 orders authorized for 30 days each, 103 were specified for 20 days each, and 52 others were authorized for less than 20 days each. Additionally, 50 extensions of previously entered orders were granted during the reporting year. Of these, 25 extensions were for 30 days and 2 extensions were for 20 days. There were another 23 extensions for 10 days or less.

The distribution of orders and extensions among the judges authorized to issue orders during 2015 was as follows:

Judges	Orders	Extensions
Ronald E. Bookbinder	0	0
Regina Caulfield	1	1
Yolanda Ciccone	11	0
Marilyn C. Clark	0	0
Martin G. Cronin	0	0
Wendel E. Daniels	10	1
Miguel A. de la Carrera	8	5
Liliana S. DeAvila-Silebi	9	0
Bernard E. DeLury, Jr.	23	12
Michael A. Donio	4	0
Joseph P. Donohue	4	2
Peter E. Doyne	0	0
Timothy G. Farrell	20	0

¹ Note that the Office of the Attorney General reports 176 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	2	2
Travis L. Francis	7	9
Mitzy Galis-Menendez	7	1
James J. Guida	0	0
Francis R. Hodgson, Jr.	5	3
Joseph V. Isabella	8	2
Mary C. Jacobson	1	0
Edward A. Jerejian	0	0
Pedro J. Jimenez, Jr.	3	0
Edward J. McBride, Jr.	21	4
Stuart A. Minkowitz	3	0
Bonnie J. Mizdol	0	0
Samuel D. Natal	0	0
Susan J. Steele	6	0
Stephen J. Taylor	11	1
Benjamin C. Telsey	10	2
Lisa P. Thornton	7	1
Sheila A. Venable	0	0
Peter E. Warshaw	0	0
Ronald D. Wigler	19	4
Patricia M. Wild	0	0
Total	200	50

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
John J. Hoffman	64
Carolyn Murray	19
Joseph D. Coronato	17
Sean Dalton	13
Mary Eva Colalillo	11
Geoffrey Soriano	11
Esther Suarez	9
James P. McClain	8
John Molinelli	8
Robert L. Taylor	8
Gaetano T. Gregory	6
Christopher J. Gramiccioni	5
Grace H. Park	5
Mary K. Pyffer	5
Jennifer Webb-McRae	3
Frederic M. Knapp	2
John T. Lenahan	2
Angelo J. Onofri	2
Camelia M. Valdes	2
Harold B. Shapiro	1
Francis A. Koch	1
Total Applications	202

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	46
Essex County Prosecutor's Office	19
Ocean County Prosecutor's Office	17
New Jersey State Police	16
Hudson County Prosecutor's Office	13
Somerset County Prosecutor's Office	11
Camden County Prosecutor's Office	10
Gloucester County Prosecutor's Office	9
Bergen County Prosecutor's Office	8
Cape May County Prosecutor's Office	8
Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office	7
Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office	5
Union County Prosecutor's Office	5
Woodbury Police Department	5
Cumberland County Prosecutor's Office	4
Atlantic City Police Department	3
Clayton Police Department	2
Glassboro Police Department	2
Jersey City Police Department	2
Mercer County Prosecutor's Office	2
Morris County Prosecutor's Office	2
Passaic County Prosecutor's Office	2
Salem County Prosecutor's Office	2
Berlin Police Department	1
Sussex County Prosecutor's Office	1
Total Applications	202

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 2015, orders were granted in connection with investigations of the following crimes:

	Number of Applications Authorized
Narcotics	99
Conspiracy	67
Murder	47
Racketeering	24
Leader of Narcotics Trafficking Network	19
Unlawful Manuf., Purchase, Use or Transfer of Firearms	17
Theft	16
Aggravated Assault	12
Carjacking	10
Robbery	10
Money Laundering	9
Human Trafficking	6
Burglary	5
Endangering Welfare of a Child	4
Forgery	4
Terroristic Threats	2
Arson	1
Maintaining or Operating a CDS Production Facility	1
Official Misconduct	1
Tampering With Witnesses	1
Total	355

Please note that because some orders involved the investigation of more than one offense, the total number of offenses listed (355) is greater than the number of orders issued (200).

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 2015, a showing of special need was required in 0 of the orders, a showing was not required in 94 orders, and the special need information was not available in 108 orders.

Respectfully submitted,



Chief Justice Stuart Rabner