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## VIA EMAIL

The Honorable Susan Clark Schaar, Clerk  
Senate of Virginia  
P.O. Box 396  
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The Honorable G. Paul Nardo, Clerk  
House of Delegates of Virginia  
P.O. Box 406  
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**Re: Virginia Code § 19.2-70**

Dear Ms. Schaar and Mr. Nardo:

This letter is sent pursuant to Virginia Code § 19.2-70, regarding notification of intercept activity during 2019. There were no applications sought for wire, wireless, or oral intercepts during calendar year 2019.

In our letter of December 27, 2018, it was noted that, pursuant to Code § 19.2-70, we were unable to report intercept activity for 2018. We can now report that in late 2018, law enforcement officials conducted an investigation into a conspiracy to commit murder. As part of that investigation, a circuit court granted the Commonwealth's five applications requesting authorization to intercept wire/wireless telephone, text, and data communications for five cellular telephones. No application was denied.

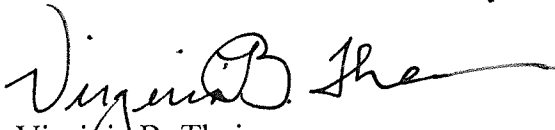
Five arrests were made and four persons stand charged as a result of the investigation. Two individuals each stand charged with 2 counts of attempted obstruction of justice; 2 counts of obstruction of justice; 3 counts of conspiracy to commit capital

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murder; 1 count of solicitation to commit capital murder; and 1 count of attempted capital murder. Another individual is charged with 2 counts of attempted obstruction of justice; 2 counts of obstruction of justice; and 3 counts of conspiracy to commit capital murder. A fourth individual stands charged with 2 counts of obstruction of justice and 3 counts of conspiracy to commit capital murder. No circuit court trial has yet been held. The state cost associated with these applications was \$224,879.05.<sup>1</sup>

In future reports, I will supplement this information to address the disposition of the pending charges. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely



Virginia B. Theisen  
Senior Assistant Attorney General

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<sup>1</sup> Local agencies incurred costs that are not included in this figure.