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# Commonwealth of Virginia

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December 12, 2019

Mark E. "Chip" Holt III  
Board Chairman  
County of Middlesex

Dear Mr. Holt:

We have reviewed the Commonwealth collections and remittances of the Treasurer, Commissioner of the Revenue, and Sheriff of the locality indicated for the year ended June 30, 2019. Our primary objectives were to determine that the officials have maintained accountability over Commonwealth collections, established internal controls, and complied with state laws and regulations.

The results of our tests found the Treasurer, Commissioner of the Revenue, and Sheriff complied, in all material respects, with state laws, regulations and other procedures relating to the receipt, disbursement, and custody of state funds, except as follows.

The Sheriff did not maintain sufficient internal control over state funds and did not comply with state laws and regulations as described below.

## **Promptly Deposit Sheriff's Fees**

Repeat: No

The Sheriff delayed depositing Sheriff's fees into an official bank account for up to 35 days after receipt. Having cash or checks on hand is a risk that could lead to a loss of funds. The Sheriff should follow the best practices outlined in the Virginia Sheriff's Accounting Manual, which recommends the Sheriff deposit all collections in the Sheriff's official bank account either weekly or when collections exceed \$200.

We discussed this comment with the Sheriff on December 12, 2019 and we acknowledge the cooperation extended to us during this review.

Sincerely,

Martha S. Mavredes  
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MSM: clj

cc: Matthew Walker, County Administrator  
Betty Bray, Treasurer  
Priscilla J. Davenport, Commissioner of the Revenue  
David P. Bushey, Sheriff