



Commonwealth of Virginia

Auditor of Public Accounts

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March 21, 2025

The Honorable Claiborne H. Stokes, Jr.
Chief Judge
County of Madison General District Court

The Honorable Deborah S. Tinsley
Chief Judge
County of Madison Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court

Audit Period: July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024
Court System: County of Madison
Judicial District: Sixteenth

We are performing a statewide audit of the Combined District Courts. During our review of this court, we conducted certain audit procedures, as we deemed appropriate.

Management of this court is an important part of the court's accountability since you are responsible for establishing and maintaining internal controls and complying with applicable laws and regulations. During our review, we noted the following matter requiring management's attention and corrective action.

Request Tax Set-Off Refunds

Repeat: No

The Clerk did not submit claims to the Virginia Department of Taxation (Taxation) for tax set-off of refunds for delinquent court fines and costs totaling \$1,924, resulting in a loss of revenue to the Commonwealth and locality. Section 58.1-521 of the Code of Virginia requires that all courts use the tax set-off program to collect unpaid fines and costs. Courts must submit claims for set-off of tax refunds through Taxation's automated accounting system. The Clerk should use the tax refund set-off process to maximize collections as required by the Code of Virginia.

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We acknowledge the cooperation extended to us by the Clerk and the Clerk's staff during this engagement.

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cc: The Honorable Theresa W. Carter, Judge
The Honorable Ronald L. Morris, Judge
Wendy S. Gallihugh, Clerk
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Supreme Court of Virginia