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Chief Magistrate
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Audit Period: July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017
Court System: Virginia Beach
Judicial District: Second
Magisterial Region: Seventh

We are performing a statewide audit of the Magistrates. During our review, we conducted certain audit procedures, as we deemed appropriate.

Management is an important part of the Magistrates' accountability, since you are responsible for establishing and maintaining internal controls and complying with applicable laws and regulations. During our review, we noted certain matters that required management's attention and corrective action. These matters included:

Retain Voided Receipts

Repeat: No

In two of five voided receipts tested, the Magistrates did not retain all copies of the voided receipts. Voided transactions pose an increased risk for fraudulent activity and, as such, must be monitored and controlled closely. The Magistrates should retain all copies of voided receipts as required by the Magistrate Manual.

We acknowledge the cooperation extended to us by the Chief Magistrate and his staff during this engagement.

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cc: Thomas Cahill, Magistrate Supervising Authority
Mason Byrd, Director of Magistrate Services
Supreme Court of Virginia