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Clifford Y. Rose
Chief Magistrate
County of Stafford

Audit Period: July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022
Court System: Counties of Caroline, Essex, Hanover, King George, Lancaster, Northumberland, Richmond, Spotsylvania, Stafford, and Westmoreland, and the City of Fredericksburg
Judicial District: Fifteenth
Magisterial Region: Sixth

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 the following matter requiring management's attention and corrective action.

Retain Voided Receipts

Repeat: No

The magistrates did not retain all copies of the receipt for two of four (50%) receipts voided during the audit period. 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 original and 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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