

Commonwealth of Virginia

Auditor of Public Accounts

P.O. Box 1295 Richmond, Virginia 23218

April 25, 2019

Joyce Crews Chief Magistrate County of Pittsylvania

Audit Period: July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018

Court System: City of Danville and Counties of Franklin and Pittsylvania

Judicial District: Twenty-Second

Magisterial Region: Second

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

The Magistrates did not retain all copies for the two receipts that were voided during fiscal year 2018. 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 her staff during this engagement.

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cc: Don E. McCown, Magistrate Supervising Authority
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Supreme Court of Virginia