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Joseph E. McGuire, Jr. Chief Magistrate County of Prince William

Audit Period: July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019

Court System: Prince William County

Judicial District: Thirty-First

Magisterial Region: Fifth

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 of the four 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 voided receipts as required by the <u>Magistrate Manual</u>.

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

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