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Chief Magistrate
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Audit Period: July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021
Court System: City of Colonial Heights and Chesterfield County
Judicial District: Twelfth
Magisterial Region: Third

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

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The magistrates did not retain all copies of the receipt for two of the five receipts voided (40%) 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 Magistrate Manual.

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

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