



Commonwealth of Virginia

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The Honorable Joseph M. Serkes
Chief Judge
County of Amherst General District Court
P.O. Box 513
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The Honorable Samuel Johnston
Magistrate Supervising Authority
Twenty fourth Judicial District
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As part of our audit of the Virginia District Court System, we have audited the cash receipts and disbursements of the County of Amherst General District Court and the associated magistrates from the Twenty fourth Judicial District for the period April 1, 2005 through December 31, 2006.

Our primary objectives were to test the accuracy of financial transactions recorded on the Court's financial management system and in the Magistrates' records; evaluate the Court's and the Magistrates' internal controls; and test compliance with significant state laws, regulations, and policies. However, our audit was more limited than would be necessary to provide assurance on the internal controls or on overall compliance with applicable laws, regulations, and policies.

The results of our tests found the Court and the Magistrates properly stated, in all material respects, the amounts recorded and reported in the financial management system and in the Magistrates' records; no material weaknesses in internal controls; and no instances of noncompliance with applicable laws, regulations, and policies.

We discussed these comments with the Clerk and the Chief Magistrate and we acknowledge the cooperation extended to us by the Court and the Magistrates during this engagement.

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cc: The Honorable R. Edwin Burnette, Jr., Judge
Beverly O. Lewis, Clerk
John S. Payne, Chief Magistrate
Paul F. DeLosh, Director of Judicial Services
Supreme Court of Virginia