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This report was prepared by Illinois State Police (ISP) Director Brendan F. Kelly and is submitted to the Governor pursuant to 725 ILCS 5/108B-13 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes. Please contact the ISP Electronic Criminal Surveillance Officer (ECSO) program coordinator, Division of Criminal Investigation, if you require further information.

Summary

Notices requesting eavesdrop statistics were sent to the state’s attorney in each of the 102 counties in Illinois. The participating state’s attorneys are provided documentation and instructions to report the following information: the number of law enforcement personnel involved in the seizure of intercepts; the total cost incurred by the respective departments for all activities relating to the eavesdrop, including salaries, equipment purchased, and other needed resources; and the total number of Illinois law enforcement personnel authorized to monitor, install, and/or possess non-consensual eavesdropping devices and who are trained to participate in eavesdropping.

Of the 102 Illinois counties, 48 reported 0 non-consensual eavesdrops were applied for in their jurisdiction. The following page lists the counties reporting 0 applications, as well as those failing to file a report. The statute requires each state’s attorney to file a report with the ISP; however, 54 counties failed to file a report by the given deadline. Historically, several counties do not submit their report or fail to submit it before the deadline. Currently, no mechanism exists to compel the state’s attorneys to comply with the statute.

The following counties reported no non-consensual eavesdrops in 2019:

Bond	Boone	Brown	Carroll	Champaign	Christian	Cumberland
DeWitt	DuPage	Edgar	Edwards	Effingham	Fayette	Franklin
Fulton	Grundy	Hardin	Henderson	Jasper	Jersey	Kane
Kankakee	Kendall	Lawrence	Lee	Logan	Macon	Macoupin
Marshall	McDonough	McHenry	McLean	Montgomery	Morgan	Moultrie
Peoria	Piatt	Pike	Randolph	Saline	Sangamon	Scott
St. Clair	Stephenson	Warren	White	Whiteside	Winnebago	

The following counties failed to submit reports to the ISP in 2019:

Adams	Alexander	Bureau	Calhoun	Cass	Clark	Clay
Clinton	Coles	Cook	Crawford	DeKalb	Douglas	Ford
Gallatin	Greene	Hamilton	Hancock	Henry	Iroquois	Jackson
Jefferson	Jo Daviess	Johnson	Knox	LaSalle	Lake	Livingston
Madison	Marion	Mason	Massac	Menard	Mercer	Monroe
Ogle	Perry	Pope	Pulaski	Putnam	Richland	Rock Island
Schuyler	Shelby	Stark	Tazewell	Union	Vermillion	Wabash
Washington	Wayne	Will	Williamson	Woodford		

Training and Certification of Law Enforcement Officers

Personnel instructed as Electronic Criminal Surveillance Officers (ECSO) are required to pass training accredited by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board. Officers must successfully complete ECSO I as a prerequisite to advancing to the technical levels of ECSO II and ECSO III.

An ECSO I certified officer is certified to monitor and record pertinent intercepted conversations for investigative and evidentiary purposes and apply for non-consensual eavesdropping orders.

An ECSO II certified officer performs the duties of an ECSO I and is given the added responsibility of being qualified to install, maintain, and remove electronic criminal surveillance devices used for the interception of private communications.

An ECSO III certified officer performs the duties of an ECSO I and ECSO II, and when authorized by the courts, may unobtrusively enter any vehicle, structure, or property to install, maintain, or remove electronic surveillance devices. Due to the responsibilities associated with ECSO III certification, only full-time sworn law enforcement officers assigned to a dedicated electronic surveillance unit may apply for training at this level.

The ISP is responsible for the training and certification of law enforcement officers at all three levels of the ECSO program. There were 142 officers certified and/or recertified at the ECSO I level during 2019 (78 full certifications/ 64 recertified). Of these, 17 were from the ISP. There were 0 officers certified and/or recertified at the ECSO II level during 2019. There were 5 officers recertified at the ECSO III level during 2019. Of these, 1 were from the ISP.

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