

Table 7
Authorized Intercepts Granted Pursuant to
18 U.S.C. § 2519 as Reported in Wiretap Reports
for Calendar Years 2005 - 2015

Wiretap Report Date	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Intercept applications requested	1,774	1,839	2,208	1,891	2,376	3,195	2,734	3,397	3,577	3,555	4,148
Intercept applications authorized	1,773	1,839	2,208	1,891	2,376	3,194	2,732	3,395	3,576	3,554	4,148
Federal	625	461	457	386	663	1,207	792	1,354	1,476	1,279	1,403
State	1,148	1,378	1,751	1,505	1,713	1,987	1,940	2,041	2,100	2,275	2,745
Avg. days of original authorization	28	29	29	29	29	29	29	30	30	30	30
Number of extensions	1,360	1,228	1,701	1,266	1,627	1,925	1,777	1,932	2,129	1,532	3,297
Average length of extensions (in days)	28	29	29	29	28	29	29	29	30	30	30
Location of authorized intercepts:											
Personal residence	57	48	27	31	19	13	13	14	8	7	6
Business	21	13	7	6	10	7	6	5	9	2	14
Portable device	1,610	1,685	2,078	1,793	2,276	3,053	2,674	3,292	3,455	3,409	3,969
Multiple locations	49	53	36	38	55	37	20	53	47	69	56
Not indicated or other	36	40	60	23	16	84	19	31	57	67	103
Major offense specified:											
Arson, explosives, and weapons	3	2	4	1	18	16	2	4	36	10	20
Bribery	4	1	1	3	2	1	1	5	2	1	14
Extortion (includes usury and loan-sharking)	8	6	5	-	3	3	4	3	3	1	18
Gambling	42	56	55	54	35	31	46	67	16	13	33
Homicide and assault	82	119	132	92	82	175	113	116	132	135	221
Larceny and theft	11	19	32	37	35	53	67	34	29	17	39
Narcotics	1,433	1,473	1,792	1,593	2,046	2,673	2,334	2,967	3,115	3,174	3,367
Robbery and burglary	7	1	4	7	9	11	10	12	2	10	1
Racketeering	94	90	98	58	61	110	51	83	83	72	141
Other or unspecified	89	72	85	46	85	121	104	104	158	121	369
Intercept applications installed ¹	1,694	1,714	2,119	1,809	1,764	2,311	2,189	2,501	2,331	2,433	2,753
Federal	624	461	454	384	337	641	367	633	377	313	440
State	1,070	1,253	1,665	1,425	1,427	1,670	1,822	1,868	1,954	2,120	2,313
For intercepts installed:											
Total days in operation	72,897	68,380	93,117	73,509	73,799	93,078	91,240	98,562	92,788	81,892	118,583
Avg. number of persons intercepted ²	107	122	94	92	113	118	113	104	97	100	114
Average number of intercepted communications ²	2,835	2,685	3,106	2,707	3,673	3,199	3,716	3,584	4,558	4,349	6,422
Average number of incriminating intercepted communications ²	629	547	920	514	688	603	868	703	811	886	1,454
Authorizations where costs reported	1,525	1,576	2,043	1,703	1,564	2,211	2,034	2,247	2,069	2,066	2,479
Average cost of intercepts for which costs reported	55,530	52,551	48,477	47,624	52,200	50,085	49,629	50,452	41,119	39,485	42,216
Intercept applications authorized but reported after publication ³	350	646	753	845	778	1,133	1,467	1,313	1,219	866	-
Total authorized by year (reported through March 2016)	2,121	2,471	2,950	2,704	3,116	4,207	3,944	4,378	4,335	4,420	4,148

¹ Installed intercepts include only those intercepts for which reports were received from prosecuting officials.

² The average excludes those reports in which the number of persons intercepted, the number of intercepts, or the number of incriminating intercepts was not reported or could not be determined.

³ Some wiretaps terminated in a given year are not reported until a subsequent year because they are part of ongoing investigations.