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John W. Hollman  
Clerk of the House  
Illinois House of Representatives  
Room 402 State Capitol  
Springfield, Illinois 62706

RE: State's Attorney Authorized Eavesdropping report under 720 ILCS 5/14-3(q)(3.10)

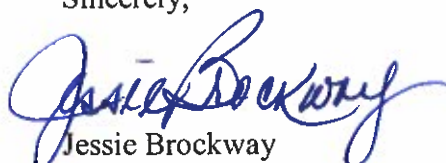
Dear Mr. Hollman:

The State's Attorney's Office had conducted significant training with all departments within the Rock Island County area that utilize overhear permission under 720 ILCS 5/14-3(q). We have set a procedure to specifically outline the areas the statute is designed to cover and areas that are excluded. Further we utilize an informal phone request for permission for any request outside of the normal set of circumstances. Thereby reducing and eliminating requests to the office for overhear permission that was not intended by the statute.

Additionally, the office encourages regular sue of overhear permission in narcotic transactions to reduce the inherent unreliability of confidential sources and to ensure both confidential sources and police officers are in minimal danger.

For the period of March 01, 2020 through February 28, 2021-74 overhears were requested formally in writing and 74 overhears were approved.

Sincerely,

  
Jessie Brockway  
Assistant State's Attorney



Dora Villareal  
State's Attorney Rock Island County