

Table 7
Authorized Intercepts Granted Pursuant to
18 U.S.C. 2519 as Reported in Wiretap Reports
for Calendar Years 1998 - 2008

Wiretap Report Date	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Intercept applications requested	1,331	1,350	1,190	1,491	1,359	1,442	1,710	1,774	1,839	2,208	1,891
Intercept applications authorized	1,329	1,350	1,190	1,491	1,358	1,442	1,710	1,773	1,839	2,208	1,891
Federal	566	601	479	486	497	578	730	625	461	457	386
State	763	749	711	1,005	861	864	980	1,148	1,378	1,751	1,505
Avg. days of original authorization	28	27	28	27	29	29	28	28	29	29	29
Number of extensions	1,164	1,367	926	1,008	889	1,145	1,341	1,360	1,228	1,701	1,266
Average length of extensions (in days)	27	29	28	29	29	29	28	28	29	29	29
Location of authorized intercepts:											
Personal residence	436	341	244	206	154	118	83	57	48	27	31
Business	87	59	56	60	37	35	30	21	13	7	6
Portable device	-	-	719	1,007	1,046	1,165	1,507	1,610	1,685	2,078	1,793
Multiple locations	222	287	109	117	85	95	65	49	53	36	38
Not indicated or other*	584	663	62	101	36	29	25	36	40	60	23
Major offense specified:											
Arson, explosives, and weapons	3	8	5	5	-	5	12	3	2	4	1
Bribery	9	42	21	1	3	9	16	4	1	1	3
Extortion (includes usury and loan-sharking)	12	11	10	28	18	6	5	8	6	5	-
Gambling	93	60	49	82	82	49	90	42	56	55	54
Homicide and assault	55	62	72	52	58	80	48	82	119	132	92
Larceny and theft	19	9	15	47	8	48	30	11	19	32	37
Narcotics	955	978	894	1,167	1,052	1,104	1,308	1,433	1,473	1,792	1,593
Robbery and burglary	4	4	4	8	3	3	9	7	1	4	7
Racketeering	153	139	76	70	72	96	138	94	90	98	58
Other or unspecified	28	37	44	31	62	42	54	89	72	85	46
Intercept applications installed**	1,245	1,277	1,139	1,405	1,273	1,367	1,633	1,694	1,714	2,119	1,809
Federal	562	595	472	481	490	576	723	624	461	454	384
State	683	682	667	924	783	791	910	1,070	1,253	1,665	1,425
For intercepts installed:											
Total days in operation	53,411	63,243	47,729	53,574	50,025	60,198	69,980	72,897	68,380	93,117	73,509
Avg. number of persons intercepted ***	190	195	196	86	92	116	126	107	122	94	92
Average number of intercepted communications***	1,858	1,921	1,769	1,565	1,708	3,004	3,017	2,835	2,685	3,106	2,707
Average number of incriminating intercepted communications***	350	390	402	333	403	993	619	629	547	920	514
Authorizations where costs reported	1,184	1,232	1,080	1,327	1,193	1,236	1,559	1,525	1,576	2,043	1,703
Average cost of intercepts for which costs reported	57,669	57,511	54,829	48,198	54,586	62,164	63,011	55,530	52,551	48,477	47,624
Intercept applications authorized but reported after publication****	118	196	196	204	185	346	282	327	467	-	566
Total authorized by year (reported through Dec 2008)	1,447	1,546	1,386	1,695	1,543	1,788	1,992	2,100	2,306	2,208	1,891

* Starting in 2000, location categories were revised to improve reporting and reduce the number of instances in which "other" location was reported.

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

*** As of 1998, 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.

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