

Table 7
Authorized Intercepts Granted Pursuant to
18 U.S.C. 2519 as Reported in Wiretap Reports
for Calendar Years 1995 - 2005

Wiretap Report Date	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Intercept applications requested	1,058	1,150	1,186	1,331	1,350	1,190	1,491	1,359	1,442	1,710	1,774
Intercept applications authorized	1,058	1,149	1,186	1,329	1,350	1,190	1,491	1,358	1,442	1,710	1,773
Federal	532	581	569	566	601	479	486	497	578	730	625
State	526	568	617	763	749	711	1,005	861	864	980	1148
Avg. days of original authorization	29	28	28	28	27	28	27	29	29	28	28
Number of extensions	834	887	1,028	1,164	1,367	926	1,008	889	1,145	1,341	1,360
Average length of extensions (in days)	29	28	28	27	29	28	29	29	29	28	28
Location of authorized intercepts:											
Personal residence	428	434	382	436	341	244	206	154	118	83	57
Business	101	101	78	87	59	56	60	37	35	30	21
Portable device	-	-	-	-	-	719	1,007	1,046	1,165	1,507	1,610
Multiple locations	115	149	197	222	287	109	117	85	95	65	49
Not indicated or other*	414	465	529	584	663	62	101	36	29	25	36
Major offense specified:											
Arson, explosives, and weapons	4	-	3	3	8	5	5	-	5	12	3
Bribery	4	10	13	9	42	21	1	3	9	16	4
Extortion (includes usury and loan-sharking)	18	9	24	12	11	10	28	18	6	5	8
Gambling	95	114	98	93	60	49	82	82	49	90	42
Homicide and assault	30	41	31	55	62	72	52	58	80	48	82
Larceny and theft	12	7	22	19	9	15	47	8	48	30	11
Narcotics	732	821	870	955	978	894	1,167	1,052	1,104	1,308	1,433
Robbery and burglary	5	4	5	4	4	4	8	3	3	9	7
Racketeering	98	105	93	153	139	76	70	72	96	138	94
Other or unspecified	60	38	27	28	37	44	31	62	42	54	89
Intercept applications installed**	1,024	1,035	1,094	1,245	1,277	1,139	1,405	1,273	1,367	1,633	1,694
Federal	527	574	563	562	595	472	481	490	576	723	624
State	497	461	531	683	682	667	924	783	791	910	1070
For intercepts installed:											
Total days in operation	43,179	43,635	48,871	53,411	63,243	47,729	53,574	50,025	60,198	69,980	72,897
Avg. number of persons intercepted ***	140	192	197	190	195	196	86	92	116	126	107
Average number of intercepted communications***	2,028	1,969	2,081	1,858	1,921	1,769	1,565	1,708	3,004	3,017	2,835
Average number of incriminating intercepted communications***	459	422	418	350	390	402	333	403	993	619	629
Authorizations where costs reported	983	1,007	1,029	1,184	1,232	1,080	1,327	1,193	1,236	1,559	1,525
Average cost of intercepts for which costs reported	56,454	61,436	61,176	57,669	57,511	54,829	48,198	54,586	62,164	63,011	55,530
Intercept applications authorized but reported after publication****	82	48	90	118	196	196	202	181	341	178	-
Total authorized by year (reported through December 2005)	1,140	1,197	1,276	1,447	1,546	1,386	1,693	1,539	1,783	1,888	1,773

* 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.