

(ii) 1. It is lawful under this subtitle for [an officer, employee, or agent of any communication common carrier] A PROVIDER OF WIRE OR ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION SERVICE, ITS OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, AND AGENTS, LANDLORDS, CUSTODIANS OR OTHER PERSONS to provide information, facilities, or technical assistance to [an investigative or law enforcement officer who, pursuant to this subtitle, is authorized to intercept a wire or oral communication] PERSONS AUTHORIZED BY FEDERAL OR STATE LAW TO INTERCEPT WIRE, ORAL, OR ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS OR TO CONDUCT ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE, IF THE PROVIDER, ITS OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, OR AGENTS, LANDLORD, CUSTODIAN, OR OTHER SPECIFIED PERSON HAS BEEN PROVIDED WITH A COURT ORDER SIGNED BY THE AUTHORIZING JUDGE DIRECTING THE PROVISION OF INFORMATION, FACILITIES, OR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.

2. THE ORDER SHALL SET FORTH THE PERIOD OF TIME DURING WHICH THE PROVISION OF THE INFORMATION, FACILITIES, OR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IS AUTHORIZED AND SPECIFY THE INFORMATION, FACILITIES, OR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE REQUIRED. A PROVIDER OF WIRE OR ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION SERVICE, ITS OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, OR AGENTS, OR LANDLORD, CUSTODIAN, OR OTHER SPECIFIED PERSON MAY NOT DISCLOSE THE EXISTENCE OF ANY INTERCEPTION OR SURVEILLANCE OR THE DEVICE USED TO ACCOMPLISH THE INTERCEPTION OR SURVEILLANCE WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THE PERSON HAS BEEN FURNISHED AN ORDER UNDER THIS SUBPARAGRAPH, EXCEPT AS MAY OTHERWISE BE REQUIRED BY LEGAL PROCESS AND THEN ONLY AFTER PRIOR NOTIFICATION TO THE AUTHORIZING--STATE--OFFICIAL THE JUDGE WHO GRANTED THE ORDER, IF APPROPRIATE, OR THE PRINCIPAL PROSECUTING ATTORNEY OF THE STATE OR ANY POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE, AS--MAY--BE--APPROPRIATE THE STATE'S ATTORNEY OF THE COUNTY WHERE THE SERVICE DEVICE WAS USED. ANY SUCH DISCLOSURE, SHALL RENDER THE PERSON LIABLE FOR THE CIVIL DAMAGES PROVIDED FOR IN § 10-410 COMPENSATORY DAMAGES. NO CAUSE OF ACTION SHALL LIE IN ANY COURT AGAINST ANY PROVIDER OF WIRE OR ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION SERVICE, ITS OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, OR AGENTS, LANDLORD, CUSTODIAN, OR OTHER SPECIFIED PERSON FOR PROVIDING INFORMATION, FACILITIES, OR ASSISTANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF A COURT ORDER UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

(2) It is lawful under this subtitle for an investigative or law enforcement officer acting in a criminal investigation or any other person acting at the prior direction and under the supervision of an investigative or law enforcement officer to intercept a wire [or], oral, OR ELECTRONIC communication in order to provide evidence of the commission of [the offenses of murder, kidnapping, gambling, robbery, any felony punishable under the "Arson and Burning" subheading of Article 27, bribery, extortion, or dealing in controlled dangerous substances, including violations of Article 27, § 286B or § 287A, or any conspiracy or solicitation to commit any of these offenses]--A CRIMINAL--OFFENSE, or where any person has created a barricade situation and probable cause exists for the investigative or law enforcement officer to believe a hostage or