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June 30, 2015

The Honorable Lawrence J. Hogan  
Governor of Maryland  
100 State Circle  
Annapolis MD 21401

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.  
President of the Senate  
State House, H-107  
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

The Honorable Michael Erin Busch  
Speaker of the House of Delegates  
State House H-101  
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Governor Hogan, President Miller and Speaker Busch:

As required by Maryland HB 943/ Ch. 252, 2002, please find enclosed a copy of the Maryland Statistical Analysis Center's report entitled, *Juveniles Charged as Adults in Maryland 7/1/14 – 12/31/14*. This report includes data received from the Criminal Repository (CJIS) on juveniles charged as adults from 7/1/14 – 12/31/14.

Maryland's Statistical Analysis Center is located in the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention. Should you have any questions relating to the information provided in this report, please feel free to contact me at 410-821-2828.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christopher B. Shank". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "C".

Christopher B. Shank  
Executive Director

Enclosure

Juveniles Charged as Adults in Maryland 7/1/14 – 12/31/14

CP 10-219(b) (6)  
HB 943/Ch. 252, 2002

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<b>Table 3. Age of Juveniles Charged as Adults</b>		
<b>Age</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Percent</b>
8	1	0.2%
13	1	0.2%
14	6	1.2%
15	11	2.2%
16	176	35.2%
17	305	61.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

<b>Table 4. Ethnicity/Races of Juveniles Charges as Adults by Gender</b>			
<b>Race</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Total</b>
Asian Percent	3 0.7%	0 0.0%	3 0.6%
African American Percent	361 80.2%	33 66.0%	394 78.8%
White Percent	79 17.6%	15 30.0%	94 18.8%
Unknown Percent	7 1.6%	2 4.0%	9 1.8%
<b>Total Percent</b>	<b>450 100.0%</b>	<b>50 100.0%</b>	<b>500 100.0%</b>

## **Offense Type**

Maryland law provides that juveniles who commit certain offenses must be charged as adults. These exclusionary offenses are listed below:

### ***Juveniles 14 years and older***

- First Degree Murder
  - First Degree Rape
  - First Degree Sex Offense
- Any attempts or conspiracies to commit the above offenses

### ***Juveniles 16 years and older***

#### **Serious/Violent Offenses**

- Abducting, Kidnapping
- Second Degree Murder (and Attempted)
- Manslaughter (except Involuntary)
- Second Degree Rape (and Attempted)
- Second Degree Sex Offense (and Attempted)
- Third Degree Sex Offense (and Attempted)
- Armed Robbery (and Attempted)
- Carjacking or Armed Carjacking
- First Degree Assault

#### **Firearms Offenses**

- Wear, Carry, or Transport Handgun
- Use of a Handgun or Antique Firearm in the Commission of a Crime, Use of a Machine Gun in a Crime of Violence
- Use of a Machine Gun for Aggressive Purposes
- Possession of Unregistered Short-barreled Shotgun or Short-barreled Rifle
- Restrictions on Possession of a Regulated Firearm
- Restrictions on Sale, Rental, or Transfer of a Regulated Firearm
- Sale, Transfer, or Disposal of Stolen Regulated Firearm

Overall, 80.8% of juveniles charged as adults during the second half of 2014 were charged with exclusionary offenses that prohibited them from being charged in a juvenile court. Armed Robbery and First Degree Assault were the two most common exclusionary offenses.

African American juveniles were significantly more likely to be arrested and charged with an exclusionary offense than white juveniles (82.0% compared to 77.4%). Juvenile males were significantly more likely to be charged with exclusionary offenses than juvenile females (82.4% and 68.0% respectively).

<b>Table 8. Juveniles Charged with Exclusionary Offenses by Race</b>		
<b>Race</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Asian	2 of 3	66.7%
African American	324 of 395	82.0%
White	72 of 93	77.4%
Unknown	7 of 9	77.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>402 of 500</b>	<b>80.4%</b>

<b>Table 9. Juveniles Charged with Exclusionary Offenses by Gender</b>		
<b>Gender</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Male	371 of 450	82.4%
Female	34 of 50	68.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>395 of 500</b>	<b>87.8%</b>

Pursuant to *House Bill 943, Chapter 25*, MSAC will continue to receive data from CJIS on juveniles charged as adults and submit bi-annual reports on its research, evaluation, and statistical analysis of these findings.