



DISTRICT COURT 12-1-04

DAUPHIN COUNTY

EXAMINATION REPORT

FOR THE PERIOD

JANUARY 1, 2003 TO DECEMBER 31, 2005



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## Independent Auditor's Report

The Honorable Thomas W. Wolf  
Secretary  
Department of Revenue  
Harrisburg, PA 17128

We have examined the accompanying statement of receipts and disbursements (Statement) of District Court 12-1-04, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania (District Court), for the period January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2005, pursuant to the requirements of Section 401(c) of *The Fiscal Code*. This Statement is the responsibility of the District Court's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this Statement based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the standards applicable to attestation engagements contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. An examination includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the Statement and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

We are mandated by Section 401(c) of *The Fiscal Code* to audit the accounts of each district court to determine whether all moneys collected on behalf of the Commonwealth have been correctly reported and promptly transmitted. *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States include attestation engagements as a separate type of audit. An attestation engagement performed pursuant to *Government Auditing Standards* involves additional standards that exceed the standards provided by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Accordingly, this attestation engagement complies with both *Government Auditing Standards* and Section 401(c) of *The Fiscal Code*.

Independent Auditor's Report (Continued)

In our opinion, the Statement referred to above presents, in all material respects, the operations of the District Court as it pertains to receipts made on behalf of the Department of Revenue and other state agencies for the period ended December 31, 2005, in conformity with the criteria set forth in Note 1.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we are required to report findings of deficiencies in internal control, violations of provisions of contracts or grant agreements, and abuse that are material to the Statement and any fraud and illegal acts that are more than inconsequential that come to our attention during our examination. We are also required to obtain the views of management on those matters. We performed our examination to express an opinion on whether the Statement is presented in accordance with the criteria described above and not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the internal control over the Statement or on compliance and other matters; accordingly, we express no such opinions. The results of our examination disclosed no matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue, the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts, and the District Court and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

March 19, 2007

JACK WAGNER  
Auditor General

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 STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS  
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Receipts:

Department of Transportation		
Title 75 Fines	\$	269,225
Motor Carrier Road Tax Fines		425
Littering Law Fines		574
Child Restraint Fines		339
Department of Revenue Court Costs		395,645
Crime Victims' Compensation Bureau Costs		39,398
Crime Commission Costs/Victim Witness Services Costs		30,245
Department of Public Welfare		
Domestic Violence Costs		11,734
Attend Care Fines		143
Fish and Boat Commission Fines		1,531
Emergency Medical Service Fines		74,047
CAT/MCARE Fund Surcharges		222,461
Judicial Computer System Fees		226,433
Access to Justice Fees		35,989
Constable Service Surcharges		25,867
Firearm Education and Training Costs		938
State Police Crime Lab Fees		105
Miscellaneous State Fines		550
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Total receipts (Note 2)	\$	1,335,649
Disbursements to Department of Revenue (Note 3)		<hr/> (1,335,649)
Balance due Department of Revenue (District Court) per settled reports (Note 4)		-
Examination adjustments		<hr/> -
Adjusted balance due Department of Revenue (District Court) for the period January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2005	\$	<hr/> <hr/> -

Notes to the Statement Of Receipts and Disbursements are an integral part of this report.

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NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS  
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1. Criteria

The Statement of Receipts and Disbursements (Statement) has been prepared in accordance with Title 72 P.S. Section 401 (c) of *The Fiscal Code*, which requires the Department of the Auditor General to determine whether all money collected on behalf of the Commonwealth has been remitted promptly and to provide the Department of Revenue with a report to enable them to settle an account covering any delinquency.

The Statement was prepared in accordance with reporting requirements prescribed by the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue. Under this method, only the Commonwealth portion of cash receipts and disbursements are presented, revenues are recognized when received, and expenditures are recognized when paid.

2. Receipts

Receipts are comprised of fines, costs, fees, and surcharges collected on behalf of the Department of Revenue and other state agencies. These fines, costs, fees, and surcharges represent collections made on traffic, non-traffic, civil, and criminal cases filed with the District Court.

3. Disbursements

Total disbursements are comprised as follows:

Checks issued to the Department of Revenue	<u>\$ 1,335,649</u>
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4. Balance Due Department Of Revenue (District Court) For The Period January 1, 2003 To December 31, 2005

This balance reflects the summary of monthly transmittal reports as settled by the Department of Revenue.

5. Magisterial District Judge Serving During Examination Period

Marsha C. Stewart served at District Court 12-1-04 for the period January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2005.

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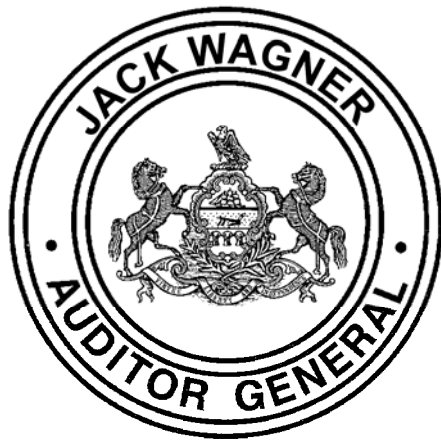
Comment - Compliance With Prior Audit Recommendations

During our prior audit, we made the following recommendations:

- That the Magisterial District Judge sign and seal the non-traffic and traffic citation certification of disposition section in accordance with *The Magisterial District Judge Clerical Procedures Manual*.
- That the Magisterial District Judge destroy the facsimile signature to prevent further usage of the stamp on district court documents.

During our current examination, we noted that the office complied with our recommendations.





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