

DISTRICT COURT 38-1-09

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

EXAMINATION REPORT

FOR THE PERIOD

JANUARY 1, 2004 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 38-1-09, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania (District Court), for the period January 1, 2004 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*.

<u>Independent Auditor's Report (Continued)</u>

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 7, 2007

JACK WAGNER Auditor General

DISTRICT COURT 38-1-09 MONTGOMERY COUNTY STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2004 TO DECEMBER 31, 2005

Receipts:

Department of Transportation	\$		
Title 75 Fines		203,078	
Overweight Fines		1,350	
Commercial Driver Fines		4,537	
Littering Law Fines		275	
Child Restraint Fines		335	
Department of Revenue Court Costs		138,939	
Crime Victims' Compensation Bureau Costs		25,703	
Crime Commission Costs/Victim Witness Services Costs		18,509	
Department of Public Welfare			
Domestic Violence Costs		7,463	
Attend Care Fines		1,483	
Emergency Medical Service Fines		56,046	
CAT/MCARE Fund Surcharges		172,979	
Judicial Computer System Fees		67,242	
Access to Justice Fees		12,727	
Constable Service Surcharges		5,921	
Firearm Education and Training Costs		15	
Miscellaneous State Fines		100	
Total receipts (Note 2)			\$ 716,702
Disbursements to Department of Revenue (Note 3)			(716,714)
Balance due Department of Revenue (District Court) per settled reports (Note 4)			(12)
Examination adjustments (Note 5)			12
Adjusted balance due Department of Revenue (District Court) for the period January 1, 2004 to December 31, 2005			\$ _

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

DISTRICT COURT 38-1-09 MONTGOMERY COUNTY

NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD

JANUARY 1, 2004 TO DECEMBER 31, 2005

1. <u>Criteria</u>

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 \$716,714

4. <u>Balance Due Department Of Revenue (District Court) For The Period January 1, 2004 To December 31, 2005</u>

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

5. Examination Adjustments

During our prior audit, January 1, 2000 to December 31, 2003, we determined that there was a balance due to the Commonwealth of \$12. This balance due was paid to the Department of Revenue in May 2005.

6. Magisterial District Judge Serving During Examination Period

William I. Maruszczak served at District Court 38-1-09 for the period January 1, 2004 to December 31, 2005.

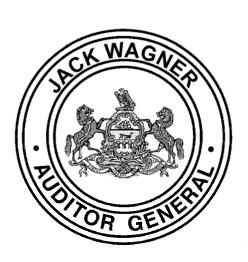
DISTRICT COURT 38-1-09 MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMENT FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2004 TO DECEMBER 31, 2005

Comment - Compliance With Prior Audit Recommendation

During our prior audit, we made the following recommendation:

• That the office review the undisbursed funds report on a monthly basis and disburse funds to whom they are due.

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



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This report was initially distributed to:

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The Honorable Thomas J. Ellis Chairman of the Board of Commissioners

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