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December 22, 2014

The Honorable Martin O'Malley
Governor of Maryland
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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 O'Malley, 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 1/1/14 – 6/30/14*. This report includes data received from the Criminal Repository (CJIS) on juveniles charged as adults from 1/1/14 – 6/30/14.

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 blue ink that reads "Tammy M. Brown".

Tammy Brown
Executive Director

Enclosure

Juveniles Charged as Adults in Maryland 1/1/14 – 6/30/14

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BACKGROUND

During the 2002 legislative session, the Maryland General Assembly passed *House Bill 943, Chapter 252*. The bill requires the Central Repository (CJIS) to report information to the Maryland Justice Analysis Center (MJAC) on data pertaining to juveniles charged as adults in Maryland. More specifically, CJIS must report the gender, race, and age of each juvenile charged as an adult. By June 30 and December 31 of each year, the Maryland Justice Analysis Center shall report to the Governor, and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly, on the results of its research, evaluation, and statistical analysis. In 2007, MJAC was re-located to the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention (GOCCP) in Towson and was renamed the Maryland Statistical Analysis Center (MSAC), which is responsible for completing these bi-annual reports.

METHODOLOGY

The most recent report includes data received from CJIS on juveniles charged as adults in Maryland from January 1 – June 30, 2014.

RESULTS

Demographics

From January 1 – June 30, 2013, a total of 1042 juveniles were charged as adults in Maryland. The vast majority of juveniles charged as adults were male (92.6%), African American (83.7%), and either 16 or 17 years of age (96.5%).

Race	Frequency	Percent
Asian	11	1.1%
African American	872	83.7%
White	153	14.7%
Unknown	6	0.5%
Total	1042	100.0%

Gender	Frequency	Percent
Males	965	92.6%
Females	77	7.4%
Total	1042	100.0%

Age	Frequency	Percent
8	1	0.1%
13	2	0.2%
14	19	1.8%
15	14	1.3%
16	361	34.6%
17	645	61.9%
Total	1042	100.0%

Race	Male	Female	Total
Asian Percent	11 1.1%	0 0.0%	11 1.1%
African American Percent	810 84.0%	62 80.5%	872 83.7%
White Percent	138 14.3%	15 19.5%	153 14.7%
Unknown Percent	6 0.6%	0 0.0%	6 0.5%
Total Percent	965 100.0%	77 100.0%	1042 100.0%

Table 5. Age of Juveniles Charged as Adults by Ethnicity/Race					
Age	Asian	African American	White	Unknown	Total
8	0	1	0	0	1
Percent	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%
13	0	1	1	0	2
Percent	0.0%	0.1%	0.7%	0.0%	0.2%
14	1	11	7	0	19
Percent	9.0%	1.3%	4.5%	0.0%	1.8%
15	0	10	4	0	14
Percent	0.0%	1.1%	2.6%	0.0%	1.3%
16	4	297	56	4	361
Percent	36.4%	34.1%	36.6%	66.7%	34.6%
17	6	552	85	2	645
Percent	54.6%	63.3%	55.6%	33.3%	61.9%
Total	11	872	153	6	1042
Percent	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Table 6. Age of Juveniles Charged as Adults by Gender			
Age	Male	Female	Total
8	1	0	1
Percent	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%
13	2	0	2
Percent	0.2%	0.0%	0.2%
14	18	1	19
Percent	1.9%	1.3%	1.8%
15	12	2	14
Percent	1.2%	2.6%	1.4%
16	348	13	361
Percent	36.1%	16.9%	34.6%
17	584	61	645
Percent	60.5%	79.2%	61.9%
Total	965	77	1042
Percent	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

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, 62.8% of juveniles charged as adults during the first 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.

Table 7. Juveniles Charged as Adults by Exclusionary Offense Type		
Under 14		
<i>Exclusionary Offenses</i>	0	0.0%
Total Juveniles Charged as Adults	3	100.0%
14-15		
1st Degree Murder	8	24.2%
1st Degree Rape	2	6.1%
1st Degree Sex Offense	0	0.0%
<i>Exclusionary Offenses</i>	10	30.3%
Total Juveniles Charged as Adults	33	100.0%
16-17		
Armed Robbery (attempted)	190	18.9%
Assault (1st degree)	172	17.1%
Carjacking	23	2.3%
Handgun Possession	72	7.2%
Handgun Use in a Violent Crime	19	1.9%
Kidnapping	2	0.2%
Manslaughter	1	0.1%
Murder (1st, 2nd, and attempted)	68	6.8%
Rape (1st, 2nd, and attempted)	18	1.8%
Regulated Firearm Possession	57	1.9%
Sex Offense (1st, 2nd, 3rd, and attempted)	22	2.2%
<i>Exclusionary Offenses</i>	644	64.0%
Total Juveniles Charged as Adults	1,006	100.0%
All Juveniles		
<i>Exclusionary Offenses</i>	654	62.8%
Total Juveniles Charged as Adults	1,042	100.0%

There was no significant difference between the percentages of male and female juveniles who were charged with exclusionary offenses (62.9% and 61.0% respectively), while African American juveniles were significantly more likely to be arrested and charged with an exclusionary offense than white juveniles (63.6% compared to 57.5%).

Race	Frequency	Percent
Asian	5 of 11	45.5%
African American	555 of 872	63.6%
White	88 of 153	57.5%
Unknown	6 of 6	100.0%
Total	654 of 1042	62.8%

Gender	Frequency	Percent
Males	607 of 965	62.9%
Females	47 of 77	61.0%
Total	1042	100.0%

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.