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Daniel T. Murphy, Oakland County Executive
Russell D. Martin, Director

June 22, 1989

Mr. Daniel T. Murphy
County Executive
1200 N. Telegraph Rd.
Pontiac, MI 48053

Dear Mr. Murphy:

There was an increase of 25 per cent, or \$633,243, in collections for the division in the year of 1988.

The Circuit Court Unit experienced increased collections of \$517,507, 33 per cent over 1987. An increase in court costs assessed to probationers from \$200 to \$300 per year (as suggested by this office), along with improvements in our collection procedures, contributed to the increase.

In April of 1988, this office began collecting service fees for the Juvenile Court traffic cases. The revenue of \$13,010 is far short of projections; this program is under re-evaluation.

The Juvenile Court restitution program, scheduled for the beginning of 1988, was not transferred to this office until October.

Overall collections for the Juvenile Unit increased by 8 per cent or \$68,902.

A summary of this division's activities for the year is presented in this report for your review.

Russell D. Martin, Director
Management & Budget Department

Sandra L. McKay, Manager
Reimbursement Division

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

Years Ended December 31, 1988, 1987 and 1986

ACCOUNTS:

AMOUNT RECEIVED

	<u>1988</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>1986</u>
CIRCUIT COURT:			
Court Costs	\$ 858,042.84	\$ 624,421.11	\$ 510,429.65
Restitution	761,381.02	561,913.04	545,426.06
Attorney Fees	400,497.17	333,197.48	264,981.67
Fines	58,949.04	42,615.93	37,911.61
Paternity Blood Test Fees	2,225.30	1,151.10	3,282.57
Psychological Testing Fees	245.00	295.00	6,632.64
Inmate Board and Care		240.00	10.00
Guardian Ad Litem Fees			2,469.65
Total	<u>2,081,340.37</u>	<u>1,563,833.66</u>	<u>1,371,143.85</u>
PROBATE COURT - JUVENILE:			
Board and Care (Juvenile Maintenance)	399,254.14	360,012.30	376,955.80
Governmental Benefits (Juvenile Maintenance)	161,229.80	170,890.56	142,230.54
Collection Offset (Board and Care)	144,452.61	130,927.67	133,945.83
Attorney Fees	121,689.41	102,899.50	127,737.70
Vocational Schools and Group Homes	51,309.60	54,440.90	43,936.76
Probate Support	27,005.02	26,368.16	29,577.22
Traffic Service Fees	11,990.00		
State of Michigan - Aid to Dependent Children	9,730.75	15,112.72	9,853.13
Restitution	1,316.23		
Secretary of State - Traffic Service Fees	1,020.00		
Court Costs	650.00	94.25	
Total	<u>929,647.56</u>	<u>860,746.06</u>	<u>864,236.98</u>
PROBATE COURT - MENTAL HEALTH/INSTITUTIONS:			
Oakland County Medical Care Facility	62,457.67	12,098.08	19,559.95
Attorney Fees	21,695.62	19,036.50	22,862.00
Mental Institutions	2,232.10	7,522.20	1,195.00
Independent Medical Evaluations	1,085.00	1,200.00	750.75
Community Mental Health	915.00	1,650.50	1,006.50
Estate Attorney Fees		540.00	
Total	<u>88,385.39</u>	<u>42,047.28</u>	<u>45,374.20</u>
MISCELLANEOUS:			
Land Sales/Building Fund	78,350.40	75,636.94	122,879.22
Lien Interest	598.64	820.06	505.08
Filing Fees	593.69	76.40	653.49
Witness and Mileage Fees	41.99	157.00	598.58
Drain Commission		1,089.16	6,375.36
Housing and Community Development Grants		1,080.00	1,440.00
Miscellaneous		228.14	
Parks and Recreation			6,689.36
Total	<u>79,584.72</u>	<u>79,087.70</u>	<u>139,141.09</u>
GRAND TOTAL	<u><u>\$3,178,958.04</u></u>	<u><u>\$2,545,714.70</u></u>	<u><u>\$2,419,896.12</u></u>

REPORT OF ACTIVITY

Years Ended December 31, 1988, 1987 and 1986

ACCOUNTS:

NUMBER OF TRANSACTIONS

	<u>1988</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>1986</u>
CIRCUIT COURT:			
Court Costs	14,682	13,392	12,349
Restitution	5,083	4,932	4,626
Attorney Fees	10,049	9,355	8,466
Fines	573	418	239
Paternity Blood Test Fees	101	113	236
Psychological Testing Fees	2	15	199
Inmate Board and Care		9	1
Guardian Ad Litem Fees			30
Total	<u>30,490</u>	<u>28,234</u>	<u>26,146</u>
PROBATE COURT - JUVENILE:			
Board and Care (Juvenile Maintenance)	8,532	8,585	9,473
Governmental Benefits (Juvenile Maintenance)	705	741	739
Collection Offset (Board and Care)	9,168	8,989	9,596
Attorney Fees	2,662	2,498	3,195
Vocational Schools and Group Homes	1,091	901	915
Probate Support	156	175	180
Traffic Service Fees	815		
State of Michigan - Aid to Dependent Children	394	394	212
Restitution	11		
Secretary of State - Traffic Service Fees	67		
Court Costs	4	1	
Total	<u>23,605</u>	<u>22,284</u>	<u>24,310</u>
PROBATE COURT - MENTAL HEALTH/INSTITUTIONS:			
Oakland County Medical Care Facility	16	26	37
Attorney Fees	227	246	306
Mental Institutions	8	21	20
Independent Medical Evaluations	9	4	8
Community Mental Health	15	37	23
Estate Attorney Fees		1	
Total	<u>275</u>	<u>335</u>	<u>394</u>
MISCELLANEOUS:			
Land Sales/Building Fund	21	39	43
Lien Interest	15	11	38
Filing Fees	16	7	23
Witness and Mileage Fees	7	8	27
Drain Commission		6	13
Housing and Community Development Grants		10	11
Miscellaneous		2	
Mediation Fees			93
Parks and REcreation			5
Total	<u>59</u>	<u>83</u>	<u>253</u>
GRAND TOTAL	<u><u>54,429</u></u>	<u><u>50,936</u></u>	<u><u>51,103</u></u>

CIRCUIT COURT PROGRAM

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

Years Ended December 31, 1988, 1987 and 1986

	REIMBURSEMENT RECEIVED		
ACCOUNTS:	<u>1988</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>1986</u>
Court Costs	\$ 858,042.84	\$ 624,421.11	\$ 510,429.65
Attorney Fees	400,497.17	333,197.48	264,981.67
Fines	58,949.04	42,615.93	37,911.61
Paternity Blood Test Fees	2,225.30	1,151.10	3,282.57
Psychological Testing Fees	245.00	295.00	6,632.64
Inmate Board and Care		240.00	10.00
Guardian Ad Litem Fees			2,469.65
Total	<u>1,319,959.35</u>	<u>1,001,920.62</u>	<u>825,717.79</u>
 TRUST ACCOUNT:			
Restitution	<u>761,381.02</u>	<u>561,913.04</u>	<u>545,426.06</u>
TOTAL FUNDS RECOVERED	<u><u>\$2,081,340.37*</u></u>	<u><u>\$1,563,833.66</u></u>	<u><u>\$1,371,143.85</u></u>

*In January of 1982, through the efforts of this Division, the Circuit Court, County Clerk and Corporation Counsel, a program was instituted requiring a defendant's bond to be applied toward costs assessed by the Court. This resulted in the recovery of \$162,892.13 of the above funds. Of the total amount, the Oakland County Sheriff's Department assisted this Division by collecting \$12,972.50 from defendants on the Work Release Program.

CIRCUIT COURT PROGRAM

COURT-APPOINTED ATTORNEY PROGRAM

	<u>1988</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>1986</u>
Cost to County:			
Regular Program	\$3,295,375.13	\$3,161,665.96	\$2,655,274.27
Appellate Program	<u>190,282.50</u>	<u>171,892.88</u>	<u>144,392.25</u>
Total	<u>\$3,485,657.63*</u>	<u>\$3,333,558.84</u>	<u>\$2,799,666.52</u>
FUNDS RECOVERED	<u>\$ 400,497.17**</u>	<u>\$ 333,197.48</u>	<u>\$ 264,981.67</u>

*This amount includes \$1,361,840.13 held in escrow for anticipated expenditures for services actually rendered.

**The following District Courts have required defendants to repay attorney fees thus assisting this Division in collecting a portion of the above funds:

43rd District Court	\$ 360.00
46th District Court	\$ 200.00
52-1 District Court	\$ 665.00

COURT COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

	<u>1988</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>1986</u>
Court Costs	\$35,440.53	\$25,294.52	\$25,602.67
Attorney Fees (Ordered)	17,869.70	15,259.84	24,858.67
Restitution	2,756.70	3,153.00	2,414.75
Attorney Fees (Unordered)	<u>1,120.00</u>	<u>1,035.00</u>	<u>1,049.00</u>
TOTAL CREDITS RECOVERED	<u><u>\$57,186.93</u></u>	<u><u>\$44,742.36</u></u>	<u><u>\$53,925.09</u></u>

The Court Community Service Program has provided the courts with an alternative means of enforcing monetary orders from indigent defendants rather than imposing costly jail sentences.

PROBATE COURT - JUVENILE ACCOUNTS

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

Years Ended December 31, 1988, 1987 and 1986

	<u>1988</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>1986</u>
ACCOUNTS:			
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Governmental Benefits (Juvenile Maintenance)	161,229.80	170,890.56	142,230.54
Collection Offset (Board and Care)	144,452.61	130,927.67	133,945.83
Attorney Fees	121,689.41	102,899.50	127,737.70
Traffic Service Fees	11,990.00		
Court Costs	650.00	94.25	
Total	<u>839,265.96</u>	<u>764,824.28</u>	<u>780,869.87</u>
TRUST ACCOUNTS:			
Vocational Schools and Group Homes	51,309.60	54,440.90	43,936.76
Probate Support	27,005.02	26,368.16	29,577.22
State of Michigan - Aid to Dependent Children	9,730.75	15,112.72	9,853.13
Restitution	1,316.23		
Secretary of State - Traffic Service Fees	1,020.00		
Total	<u>90,381.60</u>	<u>95,921.78</u>	<u>83,367.11</u>
TOTAL FUNDS RECOVERED	<u><u>\$929,647.56*</u></u>	<u><u>\$860,746.06</u></u>	<u><u>\$864,236.98</u></u>

The Reimbursement Division is responsible for collection of the cost of care of court wards and attorney fees as ordered by the Juvenile Court. A financial statement is taken, and an order is entered commensurate with the parents' ability to pay.

Effective January of 1983, the Juvenile Code provided for a twenty-five per cent administrative fee (Collection Offset) to cover the cost of collecting funds as the result of an order for board and care.

In April, 1988, this Division assumed responsibility for collection of service fees for juvenile traffic cases.

Commencing October of 1988, this Division became the collection agent for monies ordered by Juvenile Court to be paid to victims for restitution.

Probate support accounts represent monies collected by this Division and disbursed to the individual caring for the child as decreed by court order.

*A program was instituted in September, 1986, requiring a child's bond to be applied toward costs assessed by the Court. This resulted in the recovery of \$11,172.67 of the above funds.

PROBATE COURT - JUVENILE ACCOUNTS

WARDS OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN

BOARD AND CARE, GROUP HOMES, HALF-WAY HOUSES,
VOCATIONAL SCHOOL ACCOUNTS

	<u>1988</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>1986</u>
Cost to Oakland County	\$1,835,445.00	\$1,453,071.00	\$1,277,826.00
FUNDS RECOVERED	\$ 51,309.60*	\$ 54,440.90	\$ 43,936.76

*This amount includes \$19,570.34 which represents one-half of the Social Security benefits collected by the Department of Social Services and credited on the State Ward Chargeback Statements.

REIMBURSEMENT FOR COURT-APPOINTED ATTORNEYS

	<u>1988</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>1986</u>
Cost to Oakland County	\$504,426.20	\$409,834.00	\$466,411.02
FUNDS RECOVERED	\$121,689.41	\$102,899.50	\$127,737.70

Parents of juveniles requesting court-appointed counsel are referred to this Division for our recommendation prior to the appointment as often parents have ability to retain counsel privately thus enabling the County to decrease the amount of funds spent in this area.

PROBATE COURT - MENTAL HEALTH/INSTITUTIONS

Years Ended December 31, 1988, 1987 and 1986

INDEPENDENT MEDICAL EVALUATIONS

	<u>1988</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>1986</u>
FUNDS RECOVERED	\$ 1,085.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 750.75

The Mental Health Code provides for an independent medical evaluation upon request by persons that have been hospitalized involuntarily.

REIMBURSEMENT FOR COURT-APPOINTED ATTORNEYS

	<u>1988</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>1986</u>
Cost to County	\$252,345.71	\$235,966.02	\$300,744.60
FUNDS RECOVERED	\$ 21,695.62	\$ 19,036.50	\$ 22,862.00

Every individual who is the subject of a petition for involuntary hospitalization is entitled to be represented by legal counsel.

COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH

	<u>1988</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>1986</u>
FUNDS RECOVERED	\$ 915.00	\$ 1,650.50	\$ 1,006.50

The Community Mental Health out patient clinics have continued to refer accounts with balances of \$200 or more to this Division when legal action is required.

OAKLAND COUNTY MEDICAL CARE FACILITY

	<u>1988</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>1986</u>
FUNDS RECOVERED	\$ 62,457.67	\$ 12,098.08	\$ 19,559.95

The above receipts cover delinquent accounts that were referred to the Reimbursement Division for collection.