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August 12, 1987

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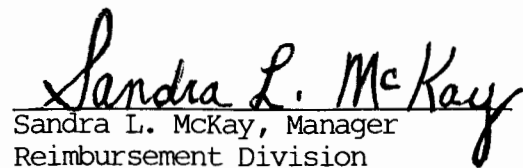
Dear Mr. Murphy:

Collections for the division increased ten per cent for the year of 1986 for a total of \$218,280.

The Circuit Court and Juvenile Court units increased collections by \$73,831 and \$138,641 respectively. An operational overview of these units resulted in collection of psychological testing and guardian ad litem fees in domestic relations matters being transferred to the Friend of the Court at the end of 1986. In addition, this division stopped pursuing payment on behalf of the state on new ADCF orders through Juvenile Court at the end of the year.

A statistical report of this division's activities is presented for your review.


Louis A. MacKenzie, Director
Management and Budget Department


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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

Years Ended December 31, 1986, 1985, and 1984

ACCOUNTS:	AMOUNT RECEIVED		
	1986	1985	1984
CIRCUIT COURT:			
Restitution	\$ 545,426.06	\$ 547,223.28	\$ 312,644.97
Court Costs	510,429.65	423,942.22	394,020.98
Attorney Fees	264,981.67	265,441.68	243,644.74
Fines	37,911.61	46,973.00	19,667.00
Psychological Testing Fees	6,632.64	4,697.50	6,506.50
Paternity Blood Test Fees	3,282.57	6,058.01	5,468.47
Guardian Ad Litem Fees	2,469.65	2,977.25	612.50
Inmate Board and Care	10.00		
Total	<u>1,371,143.85</u>	<u>1,297,312.94</u>	<u>982,565.16</u>
PROBATE COURT - JUVENILE:			
Board and Care (Juvenile Maintenance)	376,955.80	296,355.11	251,068.17
Governmental Benefits (Juvenile Maintenance)	142,230.54	132,926.60	157,866.58
Collection Offset (Board and Care)	133,945.83	103,998.34	88,012.81
Attorney Fees	127,737.70	127,354.22	114,369.60
Vocational Schools and Group Homes	43,936.76	27,984.52	31,943.09
Probate Support	29,577.22	29,849.41	26,899.75
State of Michigan - Aid to Dependent Children	9,853.13	7,127.31	1,696.32
Total	<u>864,236.98</u>	<u>725,595.51</u>	<u>671,856.32</u>
PROBATE COURT - MENTAL HEALTH/INSTITUTIONS:			
Attorney Fees	22,862.00	30,195.25	23,982.15
Oakland County Medical Care Facility	19,559.95	22,006.91	12,284.81
Mental Institutions	1,195.00	6,785.65	8,925.17
Community Mental Health	1,006.50	1,339.00	1,027.00
Doctor Examinations	750.75	1,165.00	1,678.12
Total	<u>45,374.20</u>	<u>61,491.81</u>	<u>47,897.25</u>
MISCELLANEOUS:			
Land Sales/Building Fund	122,879.22	70,305.00	88,208.92
Parks and Recreation	6,689.36	2,600.00	
Drain Commission	6,375.36	1,141.00	132.00
Housing and Community Development Grants	1,440.00	2,326.10	3,308.14
Filing Fees	653.49	510.00	19.00
Witness and Mileage Fees	598.58	80.67	6.40
Lien Interest	505.08	498.12	476.25
Department of Public Works		39,754.55	2,242.20
Total	<u>139,141.09</u>	<u>117,215.44</u>	<u>94,392.91</u>
GRAND TOTAL	<u>\$2,419,896.12</u>	<u>\$2,201,615.70</u>	<u>\$1,796,711.64</u>

REPORT OF ACTIVITY

Years Ended December 31, 1986, 1985, and 1984

ACCOUNTS:

NUMBER OF TRANSACTIONS

	<u>1986</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>1984</u>
CIRCUIT COURT:			
Restitution	4,626	4,135	3,633
Court Costs	12,349	10,783	10,832
Attorney Fees	8,466	8,910	8,400
Fines	239	211	199
Psychological Testing Fees	199	221	146
Paternity Blood Test Fees	236	364	398
Guardian Ad Litem Fees	30	36	7
Inmate Board and Care	1		
Total	<u>26,146</u>	<u>24,660</u>	<u>23,615</u>
PROBATE COURT - JUVENILE:			
Board and Care (Juvenile Maintenance)	9,473	8,791	8,523
Governmental Benefits (Juvenile Maintenance)	739	676	709
Collection Offset (Board and Care)	9,596	8,867	8,540
Attorney Fees	3,195	3,336	4,103
Vocational Schools and Group Homes	915	920	879
Probate Support	180	222	178
State of Michigan - Aid to Dependent Children	212	101	43
Total	<u>24,310</u>	<u>22,913</u>	<u>22,975</u>
PROBATE COURT - MENTAL HEALTH/INSTITUTIONS:			
Attorney Fees	306	389	343
Oakland County Medical Care Facility	37	57	61
Mental Institutions	20	16	37
Community Mental Health	23	27	20
Doctor Examinations	8	18	6
Total	<u>394</u>	<u>507</u>	<u>467</u>
MISCELLANEOUS:			
Land Sales/Building Fund	43	47	67
Parks and Recreation	5	9	
Drain Commission	13	20	2
Housing and Development Grants	11	17	22
Filing Fees	23	20	3
Witness and Mileage Fees	27	15	3
Lien Interest	38	39	49
Department of Public Works		15	7
Mediation Fees/Miscellaneous	93	399	334
Total	<u>253</u>	<u>581</u>	<u>487</u>
GRAND TOTAL	<u><u>51,103</u></u>	<u><u>48,661</u></u>	<u><u>47,544</u></u>

CIRCUIT COURT PROGRAM

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

Years Ended December 31, 1986, 1985, and 1984

REIMBURSEMENT RECEIVED

ACCOUNTS:	<u>1986</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>1984</u>
Court Costs	\$ 510,429.65	\$ 423,942.22	\$ 394,020.98
Attorney Fees	264,981.67	265,441.68	243,644.74
Fines	37,911.61	46,973.00	19,667.00
Psychological Testing Fees	6,632.64	4,697.50	6,506.50
Paternity Blood Test Fees	3,282.57	6,058.01	5,468.47
Guardian Ad Litem Fees	2,469.65	2,977.25	612.50
Inmate Board and Care	10.00		
Total	<u>825,717.79</u>	<u>750,089.66</u>	<u>669,920.19</u>
 TRUST ACCOUNT:			
Restitution	<u>545,426.06</u>	<u>547,223.28</u>	<u>312,644.97</u>
Total Funds Recovered	<u><u>\$1,371,143.85*</u></u>	<u><u>\$1,297,312.94</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 982,565.16</u></u>

*In January of 1982, through the efforts of this Division, the Circuit Court, County Clerk and Corporation Counsel, a new program was instituted requiring a defendant's bond to be applied toward costs assessed by the Court. This effort resulted in the recovery of \$109,668.00 of the above funds. Of the total amount, the Oakland County Sheriff's Department assisted this Division by collecting \$19,616.52 from defendants on the Work Release Program.

COURT-APPOINTED ATTORNEY PROGRAM

	<u>1986</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>1984</u>
Cost to County:			
Regular Program	\$2,655,274.27	\$2,220,094.25	\$1,939,379.04
Appellate Program	144,392.25	195,719.25	112,629.00
Total	<u>\$2,799,666.52*</u>	<u>\$2,415,813.50</u>	<u>\$2,052,008.04</u>
 Funds Recovered	<u>\$ 264,981.67**</u>	<u>\$ 265,441.68</u>	<u>\$ 243,644.74</u>

*This amount includes \$962,073.62 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	\$ 20.00	52-1 District Court	\$3,595.00
46th District Court	\$455.00		

CIRCUIT COURT PROGRAM

COURT COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

	<u>1986</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>1984</u>
Court Costs	\$25,602.67	\$24,969.50	\$ 69,115.70
Attorney Fees (Ordered)	24,858.67	15,089.83	40,567.80
Restitution	2,414.75	5,643.50	27,628.20
Attorney Fees (Unordered)	<u>1,049.00</u>	<u>1,511.00</u>	<u>4,055.00</u>
Total Credits Recovered	<u><u>\$53,925.09</u></u>	<u><u>\$47,213.83</u></u>	<u><u>\$141,366.70</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.

GUARDIAN AD LITEM AND PSYCHOLOGICAL TESTING FEES

	<u>1986</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>1984</u>
Psychological Testing Fees	\$6,632.64	\$4,697.50	\$6,506.50
Guardian Ad Litem Fees	<u>2,469.65</u>	<u>2,977.25</u>	<u>612.50</u>

This Division has assisted the Circuit Court in the recovery of funds that were expended for psychological examinations and guardian ad litem fees under the Family Counseling Program.

PATERNITY BLOOD TEST FEES

	<u>1986</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>1984</u>
Funds Recovered	<u><u>\$3,282.57</u></u>	<u><u>\$6,058.01</u></u>	<u><u>\$5,468.47</u></u>

Blood test fees ordered after mid-year of 1984 are being collected by Oakland County Friend of the Court.

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PROBATE COURT - JUVENILE ACCOUNTS

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

Years Ended December 31, 1986, 1985, and 1984

ACCOUNTS:

	<u>1986</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>1984</u>
Board and Care (Juvenile Maintenance)	\$376,955.80	\$296,355.11	\$251,068.17
Governmental Benefits (Juvenile Maintenance)	142,230.54	132,926.60	157,866.58
Collection Offset (Board and Care)	133,945.83*	103,998.34	88,012.81
Attorney Fees	<u>127,737.70</u>	<u>127,354.22</u>	<u>114,369.60</u>
Total	780,869.87	660,634.27	611,317.16

TRUST ACCOUNTS:

Vocational Schools and Group Homes	43,936.76**	27,984.52	31,943.09
Probate Support	29,577.22***	29,849.41	26,899.75
State of Michigan - Aid to Dependent Children	<u>9,853.13</u>	<u>7,127.31</u>	<u>1,696.32</u>
Total	83,367.11	64,961.24	60,539.16
Total Funds Recovered	<u><u>\$864,236.98</u></u>	<u><u>\$725,595.51</u></u>	<u><u>\$671,856.32</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 to cover the cost of collecting funds as the result of an order for board and care.

**This amount includes \$13,975.36 which represents one-half of the Social Security benefits collected by the Department of Social Services and credited on the State Ward Chargeback Statements.

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

PROBATE COURT - JUVENILE ACCOUNTS

WARDS OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN

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

	<u>1986</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>1984</u>
Cost to Oakland County	\$1,277,826.00	\$733,999.00	\$753,795.00
Funds Recovered	<u>\$ 43,936.76</u>	<u>\$ 27,984.52</u>	<u>\$ 31,943.09</u>

REIMBURSEMENT FOR COURT-APPOINTED ATTORNEYS

	<u>1986</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>1984</u>
Cost to Oakland County	\$466,411.02	\$452,255.80	\$421,159.60
Funds Recovered	<u>\$127,737.70</u>	<u>\$127,354.22</u>	<u>\$114,369.60</u>

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/INSTITUTION ACCOUNTS

Years Ended December 31, 1986, 1985, and 1984

DOCTOR EXAMINATIONS

	<u>1986</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>1984</u>
Funds Recovered	\$ 750.75	\$ 1,165.00	\$ 1,678.12

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>1986</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>1984</u>
Cost to County	\$300,744.60	\$276,869.40	\$241,557.02
Funds Recovered	\$ 22,862.00	\$ 30,195.25	\$ 23,982.15

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

COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH

	<u>1986</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>1984</u>
Funds Recovered	\$ 1,006.50	\$ 1,339.00	\$ 1,027.00

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>1986</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>1984</u>
Funds Recovered	\$ 19,559.95	\$ 22,006.91	\$ 12,284.81

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