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#### **Task Group Releases Report on Magisterial District Court Security**

**HARRISBURG** – Following a comprehensive review of security measures and vulnerabilities at magisterial district court offices statewide, a report released today sets forth recommendations focused on improving safety and security for all court users.

Established in 2019 by the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts (AOPC), the Magisterial District Court Security Task Group completed its work recently to review the security posture of Pennsylvania's 512 magisterial district courts.

The report released today by the AOPC sets forth eight recommendations, focused on improving safety and security for the public, court users, staff and judges.

These recommendations, like the entire report, are made by members of the Task Group and not the AOPC or the Supreme Court.

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[Read the executive summary of Task Group report on the UJS website.](#)

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