

VERMONT JUDICIARY  
Court Administrator's Office  
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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Judicial Advisory Council

**FROM:** Ron Titus  
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**DATE:** October 25, 2013

**SUBJECT:** Court Collections Data and Processes

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Attached for your information are several tables containing information on the amount of assessments in criminal cases (attachment 1 and 2) and cases in the Judicial Bureau, civil violations (attachments 3 and 4). Attachment 5 lists the account categories included in the assessments. The available data is from the VTADS case management system and displays the amount assessed by fiscal year for the last five years and the amount collected in each subsequent fiscal year of the base year assessment. The amount collected accumulates in the total amount collected against the amount assessed in the base year.

The column charts and tables (attachments 2 and 4) show of how the assessments were collected, cash, non-cash (check, credit card, money order), and credit collection agency. (Cash and checks are currently combined for civil violations.) Assessments to be collected via the Dept. of Taxes' Income Tax Refund Offset Program are not included for reasons specified below.

It should be noted that this data is only an initial look at collection data. It is expected that this information will generate questions to obtain additional information and detail.

**Collection procedures**

Individuals have 70 days to pay any assessments. After 70 days any outstanding amounts are sent to the collection agency, Alliance 1, or to the Department of Taxes for collections. Individuals with verifiable SSN's (have an SSN on file with the DMV) are sent to the Department of Taxes once a year in December to be included in the Tax Refund Offset Program. All other accounts over 70 days are sent to collections monthly. Some courts do allow payment plans but leave it up to the individual to pay the monthly amount on time. If a payment plan is delinquent more than 70 days then it is sent to collections or held to be included in the Income Tax Refund Offset Program. The Judicial Bureau notifies the DMV to suspend the individual license if a payment is missed.

It should be noted that assessments sent to the Tax Refund Offset Program are zeroed out and the individual can no longer pay the assessment at the court. The individual will have the

assessment deducted from his tax refund. The assessment is zeroed out because the Dept. of Taxes does not send assessment collected back to the court but sends them directly to the appropriate agency. This is not true for the Judicial Bureau; the Dept. of Taxes does send the assessment collected to the Judicial Bureau (noted in attachments 3 and 4) and they apply them to the appropriate cases. The individuals may pay assessment to the Bureau and the Department of Taxes is notified weekly that the assessment has been satisfied or partially paid.

Courts may accept payments after they have been sent to the collection agency. If the assessment is paid after it has been sent to collections it is "recalled" from collections.

### **Basic Finding**

#### **Criminal Cases**

- Collections over 5 years are greater than 70%
- If you include those assessments sent to the Dept. of Taxes, collections is probably greater than 80% (Dept. of Taxes should be queried to see what they are able to collect.)

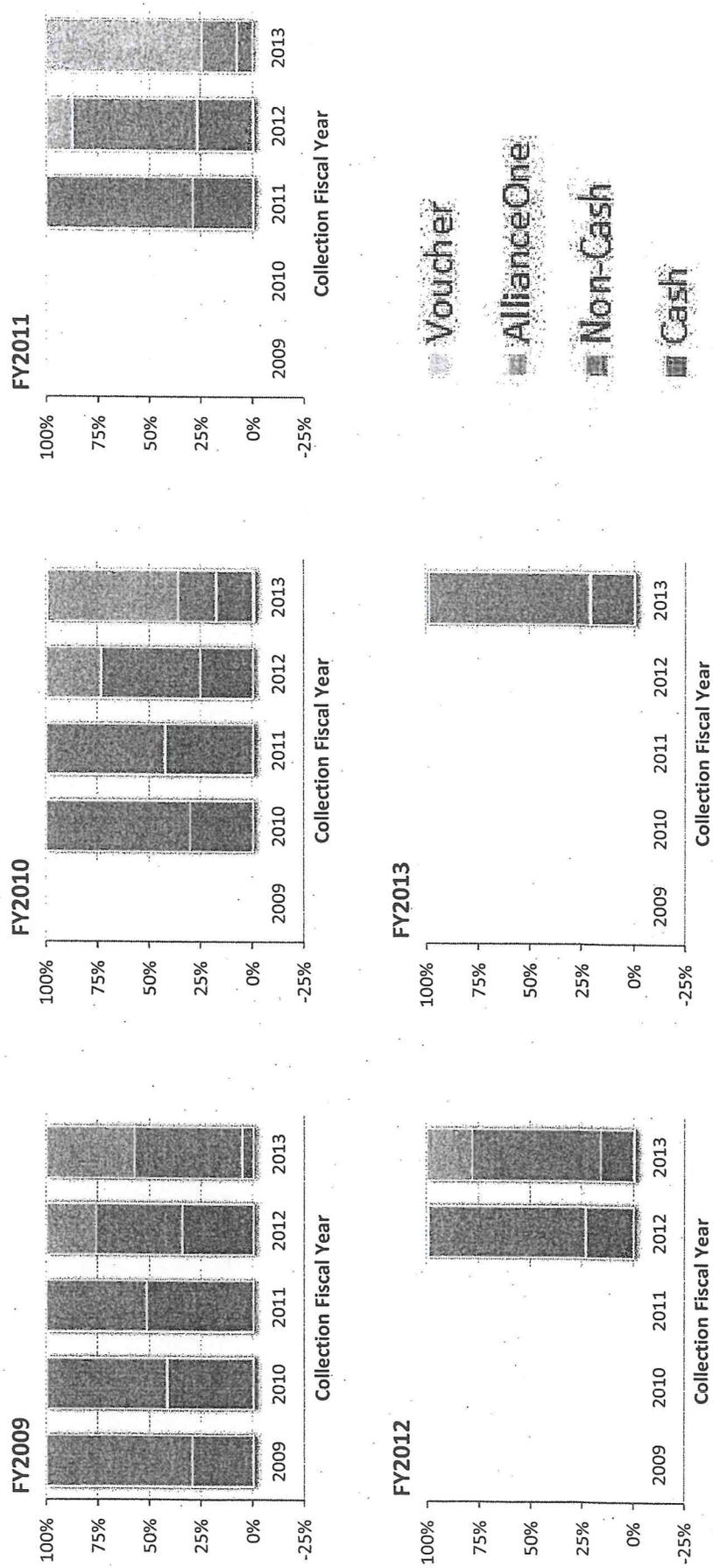
#### **Civil Violations**

- Collections are 90% or better over 5 years.

**ASSESSMENTS AND COLLECTIONS IN CRIMINAL CASES  
FISCAL YEAR 2009 - FISCAL YEAR 2013**

FY	Assessed		Collected					Tax Referral		Uncollected		
	Total	Amended Net	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Total	Amount	%	Amount	%
2009	\$4,121,166	-\$384,182	\$2,209,587	\$517,440	\$46,348	\$16,596	\$5,356	\$2,795,327	\$666,364	18%	\$275,293	7%
2010	\$5,017,078	-\$284,675	\$2,675,149	\$560,408	\$36,304	\$13,095	\$13,095	\$3,284,956	\$669,761	14%	\$777,686	16%
2011	\$5,144,004	-\$230,060	\$2,047,749	\$312,621	\$45,355	\$1,750,414	\$310,822	\$2,405,725	\$689,858	14%	\$1,818,361	37%
2012	\$5,160,730	-\$236,150	\$1,750,414	\$310,822	\$1,688,720	\$1,688,720	\$1,688,720	\$2,061,236	\$542,338	11%	\$2,321,006	47%
2013	\$6,001,821	-\$460,363							\$234,863	4%	\$3,617,875	65%

**Method of Collection by Year Assessed**



Method of Collection by Fiscal Year

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Total
<b>FY 2009</b>						
Cash	\$648,235	\$215,093	\$23,848	\$5,685	\$292	\$893,153
Non-Cash	\$1,561,776	\$302,980	\$22,500	\$6,895	\$2,782	\$1,896,933
AllianceOne	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,016	\$2,282	\$6,298
Voucher	-\$424	-\$633	\$0	\$0	\$0	-\$1,057
Total	\$2,209,587	\$517,440	\$46,348	\$16,596	\$5,356	\$2,795,327

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Total
<b>FY 2010</b>						
Cash	\$807,457	\$238,107	\$9,190	\$2,316	\$2,472	\$1,057,070
Non-Cash	\$1,867,692	\$322,326	\$17,560	\$17,560	\$8,412	\$2,210,050
AllianceOne	\$0	\$0	\$9,554	\$0	-\$105	\$17,966
Voucher	\$0	-\$25	\$0	\$0	\$13,095	-\$130
Total	\$2,675,149	\$560,408	\$36,304	\$36,304	\$13,095	\$3,284,956

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Total
<b>FY 2011</b>						
Cash	\$591,584	\$83,779	\$3,430	\$678,793	\$7,668	\$1,655,041
Non-Cash	\$1,456,415	\$190,958	\$38,662	\$34,257	\$0	\$72,919
AllianceOne	\$0	-\$250	-\$778	\$0	\$0	-\$1,028
Voucher	\$2,047,749	\$312,621	\$45,355	\$2,405,725	\$0	\$2,405,725
Total	\$4,095,748	\$587,052	\$10,163	\$717,570	\$7,668	\$5,418,101

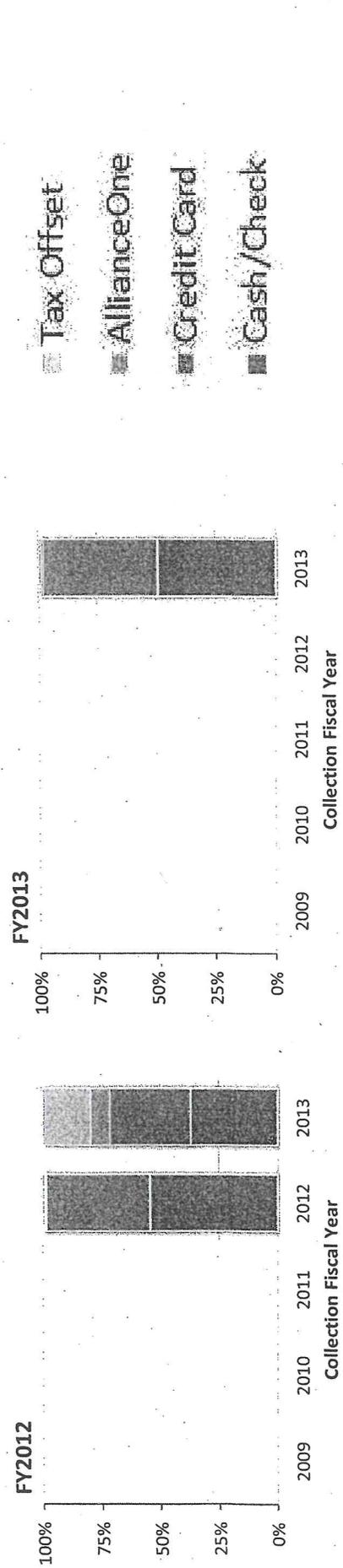
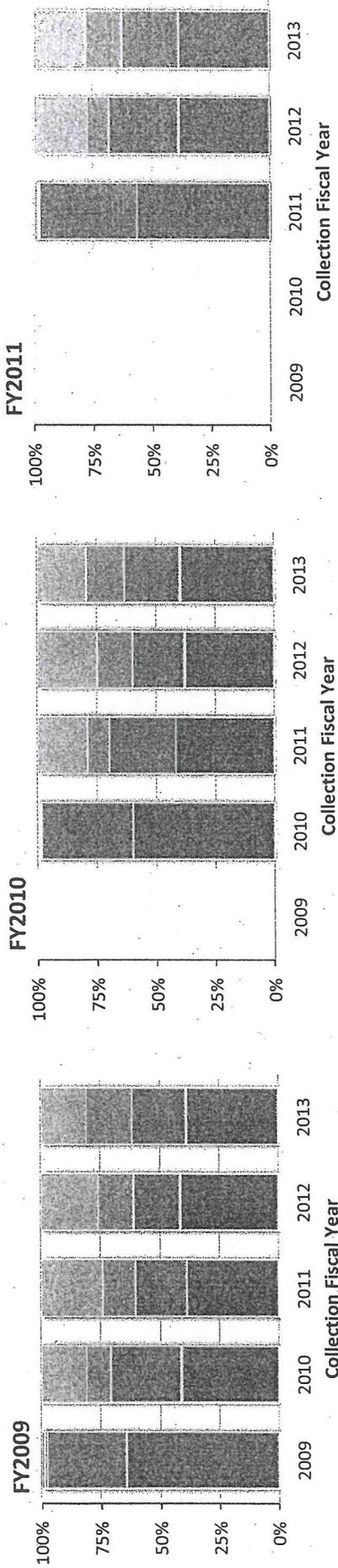
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Total
<b>FY 2012</b>						
Cash	\$407,075	\$50,708	\$193,345	\$1,523,588	\$80,275	\$2,654,971
Non-Cash	\$1,330,243	\$13,096	\$0	\$0	-\$410	\$1,343,929
AllianceOne	\$0	\$1,750,414	\$310,822	\$2,061,236	\$0	\$4,112,572
Voucher	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$407,075	\$1,750,414	\$310,822	\$2,061,236	\$79,865	\$4,549,412

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Total
<b>FY 2013</b>						
Cash	\$357,460	\$1,306,300	\$25,146	-\$186	\$1,688,720	\$3,377,740
Non-Cash	\$1,306,300	\$25,146	-\$186	\$0	\$0	\$1,331,260
AllianceOne	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Voucher	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$357,460	\$1,306,300	\$25,146	-\$186	\$1,688,720	\$3,377,740

ASSESSMENTS AND COLLECTIONS IN CIVIL VIOLATIONS  
FISCAL YEAR 2009 - FISCAL YEAR 2013

FY	Assessed	Collected					Total	%	Uncollected	
		2009	2010	2011	2012	2013			Amount	%
2009	\$16,322,936	\$12,329,019	\$1,365,494	\$467,156	\$280,167	\$200,743	\$14,642,579	90%	\$1,680,357	10%
2010	\$17,013,635	\$12,788,615	\$1,617,200	\$468,880	\$280,098	\$15,154,793	89%	\$1,858,842	11%	
2011	\$14,656,238	\$10,734,492	\$1,419,253	\$456,947	\$280,098	\$12,610,692	86%	\$2,045,546	14%	
2012	\$13,813,215	\$10,165,378	\$1,361,092	\$9,811,515	\$11,526,470	\$11,526,470	83%	\$2,286,745	17%	
2013	\$13,515,256	\$9,811,515	\$9,811,515	\$9,811,515	\$9,811,515	\$9,811,515	73%	\$3,703,741	27%	

Method of Collection by Year Assessed



Method of Collection by Fiscal Year

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Total
FY 2009						
Cash/Check	\$7,941,465	\$563,203	\$182,029	\$116,360	\$78,606	\$8,881,663
Credit Card	\$4,101,446	\$406,981	\$100,828	\$55,181	\$45,996	\$4,710,432
AllianceOne	\$113,807	\$137,159	\$64,280	\$41,377	\$38,126	\$394,749
Tax Offset	\$172,302	\$258,152	\$120,021	\$67,251	\$38,017	\$655,743
Total	\$12,329,020	\$1,365,495	\$467,158	\$280,169	\$200,745	\$14,642,587

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Total
FY 2010						
Cash/Check		\$7,679,291	\$679,227	\$178,193	\$111,621	\$8,648,332
Credit Card		\$4,888,900	\$449,308	\$103,305	\$65,956	\$5,507,469
AllianceOne		\$84,967	\$150,130	\$70,184	\$45,203	\$350,484
Tax Offset		\$135,457	\$338,536	\$117,198	\$57,320	\$648,511
Total		\$12,788,615	\$1,617,201	\$468,880	\$280,100	\$15,154,796

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Total
FY 2011						
Cash/Check			\$6,067,297	\$548,926	\$175,639	\$6,791,862
Credit Card			\$4,405,631	\$420,441	\$110,282	\$4,936,354
AllianceOne			\$82,556	\$128,291	\$69,792	\$280,639
Tax Offset			\$179,009	\$321,597	\$101,235	\$601,841
Total			\$10,734,493	\$1,419,255	\$456,948	\$12,610,696

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Total
FY 2012						
Cash/Check				\$5,530,937	\$496,970	\$6,027,907
Credit Card				\$4,465,686	\$472,528	\$4,938,214
AllianceOne				\$49,825	\$108,928	\$158,753
Tax Offset				\$118,932	\$282,667	\$401,599
Total				\$10,165,380	\$1,361,093	\$11,526,473

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Total
FY 013						
Cash/Check					\$4,836,949	\$4,836,949
Credit Card					\$4,796,403	\$4,796,403
AllianceOne					\$75,168	\$75,168
Tax Offset					\$102,997	\$102,997
Total					\$9,811,517	\$9,811,517

## Collections Memo Attachment 5

### VISION account categories included in the criminal assessment/collection data set:

Administrative Ticket Processing Fee

Bail Forfeiture

Criminal Fines\*

Criminal Transportation Fund\*

Fish & Wildlife Restitutions

Fish & Wildlife Violations

Local Tickets

Non-Suff Fund Check Charges

Public Defender Fund

Surcharge for BAC Testing - 60.00

Surcharge for DUI Enforcement Fund

Surcharge for PD Order, DWI Offense

Surcharge for Special Investigative Unit

Surcharge, Conventional

Tech Admin-12.50

Transportation Fund

Victims Restitution (surcharge)

These categories are mostly similar to the VTADS codes with a few exceptions: "Local Tickets" includes accounts ranging from Adamant to West Windsor; Surcharge, Conventional includes accounts ranging from Surcharge to Surcharge & Victim Comp. Fund - 47.00.

\*Specific to Criminal