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Charles L. Chandler
No Physical Address Provided

Re: OPRA Request - Tracking # 23765

Dear Mr. Chandler:

The Department of Corrections has received your Government Records Request. Your request has been assigned Request ID No. 23765 for tracking purposes. You submitted a request for the following:

"Mugshot of Charles L. Chandler, DOB: 10/11/58, Social Security number XXX-XX-3098. Address at the time of the arrest occurred in the 1970s, early 1980s while living in Jersey City, New Jersey."

In response to your request, please be advised that a search conducted of the NJDOC Inmate Management System revealed no record for any individual with the name "Charles L. Chandler" **with the identifiers you provided**. The New Jersey Department of Corrections only maintains a record of state sentenced inmates. If any convictions resulted in an incarceration in a county or local facility, the record would not appear in the Department of Corrections Database, which provides information on state sentenced individuals only. In addition, the NJDOC approved Record Retention Schedule for inmate records is 10 years after service of sentence is complete. You may wish to contact the arresting police agency for a copy of a "mugshot" as this is usually a term for arrest photos used by police agencies and not the NJDOC. We do not refer to incarcerated persons intake &/or exit photos as "mugshots". Accordingly, your request cannot be fulfilled by this department and is denied.

You have a right to challenge the decision by the Department of Corrections. At your option, you may either institute a proceeding in the Superior Court of New Jersey or file a complaint in writing with the Government Records Council (GRC). You may contact the GRC by toll-free telephone at 866-850-0511, by mail at P.O. Box 819, Trenton, NJ 08625, by e-mail at government.records@dca.nj.gov, or at their web site at www.nj.gov/grc. The Council can also answer other questions about the law.

Sincerely,

John Falvey
NJDOC Records Custodian

c.: OPRA Records File

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Denial of Access Appeal Info

The New Jersey Open Public Records Act (N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq.) permits a person who believes he or she has been illegally denied access to a public record to file a complaint with the Government Records Council (GRC), or file suit in Superior Court to challenge the decision and compel disclosure. This poster describes the procedures for taking these actions.

To file a complaint with the Government Records Council:

Contact the GRC by phone at: 1-866-850-0511, by e-mail at government.records@dca.nj.gov, or review the GRC web site at www.nj.gov/grc for information and to register your complaint.

The GRC staff may be able to help resolve the problem over the phone. If not, you can receive a complaint form through the mail or from the web site.

When you file the written complaint, the GRC will offer you and the public agency non-adversarial, impartial mediation.

If mediation is not agreed to or fails, the GRC will investigate the complaint.

The investigation may result in findings or a formal decision by the GRC, which may include a hearing by the Council.

In some cases, the Council can award attorney's fees or fine a records custodian for failing to provide records.

Details of this process are available from the GRC.

There is no fee to file a complaint with the GRC.

To file a complaint in Superior Court:

A requester may start a summary (expedited) lawsuit in the Superior Court. A written complaint and order to show cause must be filed with the court.

The court requires a \$200 filing fee, and you must serve the lawsuit papers on the appropriate public officials.

The court will schedule a hearing and resolve the dispute.

If you disagree with the court's decision, you may appeal the decision to the Appellate Division of Superior Court.

If you are successful, you may be entitled to reasonable attorney fees.

You may wish to consult with an attorney to learn about initiating and pursuing a summary lawsuit in the Superior Court.

<http://www.nj.gov/grc/register/appeal/>