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Open Public Records Request Notification

Date Sent: November 19, 2025

Sent By: AP Lauren H. Fox
(SCPO Official)

Requestor's:

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Date of OPRA Request: 11/13/2025; **Date Received:** 11/13/2025

Records Requested:

1. Dear Somerset County, Please accept this electronic request for public records made under OPRA and the common law right of access. I am not required to fill out an official form or use a particular software platform to submit my request per N.J.S.A. 47:1A-6(f), which states that an email from a requestor including all of the information required on the adopted form shall suffice in place of a completed form as a valid government record request. I HAVE NOT been convicted of any indictable offense under the laws of New Jersey, any other state, or the United States. I WILL NOT use the requested government records for a commercial purpose. Records requested: I would like to request the affidavit of probable cause filed by the Somerset County Prosecutor's Office in 2021 in support of charges of sexual assault made against Stephen Kovacs. I would also like to request any other documents relating to the sexual assault charges made against Stephen Kovacs, including police reports regarding his October 13, 2021 and October 22, 2021 arrests, and prosecution documents from his detention hearing and arraignments. Thank you. My preferred delivery method for response(s) to this request is by E-mail as attachments. Please confirm you have received this request. If you are not the custodian of records, please forward my request to that person and provide their email address to me for future reference. Yours faithfully, Jacob Tharayil

Pursuant to your Open Public Records request, please note the following:

Your Open Public Records request has been processed in accordance with N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq. as noted below. The Somerset County Prosecutor's Office also reserves the right to raise any other grounds for denial not raised in this response. The failure of the Somerset County Prosecutor's Office to assert an exception or privilege does not act as a waiver of any ground for denial.

In reference to your request,

The Somerset County Prosecutor's Office conducted a good-faith search, but pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2C:52-15, there is no record information.

With this response this matter is deemed complete and no further action will be taken by the Somerset County Prosecutor's Office.