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Via Email: opra+request-20628-7573a00a@requests.opramachine.com

RE: Open Public Records Act (OPRA) Request

Dear Sir/Madam:

I am in receipt of your request for records wherein you seek “a list of any documents regarding complaints that were filed beginning on January 1, 2019 until the current date of February 25, 2021 made about anyone currently, previously, or temporarily employed by the Ocean County Prosecutor’s Office.” Please be advised that your request is overly broad and impermissibly vague, as it does not identify any specific records or documents. Compliance with the request would require research, analysis and judgment by this office, which is prohibited by OPRA:

While OPRA provides an alternative means of access to government documents not otherwise exempted from its reach, it is not intended as a research tool litigants may use to force government officials to identify and siphon useful information. Rather, OPRA simply operates to make identifiable government records “readily accessible for inspection, copying, or examination.” See MAG Entertainment, LLC v. Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control, 375 N.J. Super. 534, 549-50 (App. Div. 2005).

Based on the foregoing, the request is denied. In the event of a clarification or appeal, this office reserves the right to raise any other ground for denial not raised in this response. The failure of this office to assert an exception or privilege at this time does not act as a waiver of any grounds for denial. We would welcome you to contact our office to discuss how your request could be sufficiently narrowed so that we can reasonably fulfill it.

Should you disagree with our decision, please contact us in writing with your concerns so that we may consider them. If I can be of further assistance, please contact me at 732-929-2027, x3135.

Yours very truly,

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