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Edward Pawley

VIA OPRA machine: opra+request-69962-1ac901e0@requests.opramachine.com

Re: Open Public Records Act (OPRA) request - records related to the arrests of Sourav Kumar, Gaurav Singh, Nirmal Singh, and Gurdeep Singh on December 20, 2024 in Greenwood, Indiana

Dear Mr. Pawley:

This office is in receipt of your request made under the New Jersey Open Public Records Act (OPRA) wherein you are seeking documents regarding the above-referenced matter. Please be advised that, at this time, this office is not in possession of the documents requested in items 1 through 4 of your request. Additionally, the documents requested in items 1 through 4 of your request pertain to an investigation in progress, and it appears that the release of the information requested will jeopardize the safety of the public and/or will jeopardize the investigation. Therefore, your request for these documents is denied pursuant to N.J.S.A. 47:1A-3a.

With regard to item 5 of your request wherein you are seeking: "copies of any body camera footage or if unavailable, index records indicating whether body cameras were activated during this pre-planned arrest operation," please be advised that: (1) this office is not in possession of documents consisting of "index records" indicating whether body cameras were activated during these arrests; and (2) your request for the body worn camera footage is denied pursuant to N.J.S.A. 47:1A-3a as it appears that the release of the footage requested will jeopardize the safety of the public and/or will jeopardize the investigation.

If your request for access to a government record has been denied or unfilled within the seven (7) business days required by law, you have a right to challenge the decision by the Ocean County Prosecutor's Office to deny access. At your option, you may either institute a proceeding in the Superior Court of New Jersey or file a complaint with the Government Records Council ("GRC") by completing the Denial of Access Complaint Form. 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.state.nj.us/grc. The Council can also answer other questions about the law. All questions regarding complaints filed in Superior Court should be directed to the Court Clerk in your County.

If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours very truly,

s/Dina R. Khajezadeh

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