



Franklin Township Police Department

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Charlie Kratovil

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Dear Mr. Kratovil:

The Franklin Township Police Department is in receipt of your request for records pursuant to the Open Public Records Act dated October 2, 2019. Your request was by my office on October 2, 2019. As such, the seven (7) business day deadline to respond to your request is October 11, 2019. This response to your request is being provided to you on the **fourth (4th)** business day after the custodian's receipt of said request.

The following specific record has been requested.

“Under NJSA 47:1A-3(b), please provide all information required about all arrests made by your officers/agents during the period of September 16, 2019 through September 30, 2019.

Please do not omit critical information such as the LOCATION or TIME of the arrest, or the complete list of charges filed against the individual. Though it is okay to redact names of juveniles, please do not entirely omit these records from your response. If you are providing a summary/list, please kindly provide the list in Excel format or sort by the arrest date/time.”

A search revealed that the Franklin Township Police Department is in possession of records responsive to this request, specifically Event #s 19051344, 19051756, 19051947, 19052023 (Defendant- W. Cook), 19052023 (Defendant- A. Cook), 19052069, 19052161, 19052367, 19052389, 19052562, 19052999 and 19053355. Personal identifying information has been redacted pursuant to **N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1**.

The following arrest reports are being withheld as they pertain to Domestic Violence incidents: 19046724, 19052221, 19053637 and 19053780.

The NJ AG Guidelines states in Appendix 5 that domestic violence information is confidential and, “No information is to be released to the defendant, defense counsel or any person not having an absolute need to know.”

Additionally, **N.J.S.A. 2C:25-33** states, “All records maintained pursuant to this act shall be confidential and shall not be made available to any individual or institution except as otherwise provided by law.”

The Open Public Records Act permits a person who believes he or she has been improperly denied access to a government record to file a complaint with the Government Records Council or to file an action in Superior Court to challenge the decision and compel disclosure. See **N.J.S.A. 47:1A-6**. You will find attached to this letter the document that describes the procedures for taking these actions.

If you have any questions, please contact me via e-mail at jolanda.lacewell@franklinnj.gov.

Sincerely,

Sgt. J. Lacewell

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