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By email only

RE: OPRA request – Rudy Ruiz

Dear Thomas:

The Gloucester County Prosecutor's Office received your Open Public Records Act (OPRA) request on September 22, 2022. As such, the seven (7) business day deadline to respond to your request is October 3, 2022. This written response to your request is being provided to you on the seventh business day after the custodian's receipt of said request.

You specifically sought access to the following: "[a]rrest reports, CAD detail reports, Criminal Complaints, Affidavits of Probable Cause, documents relating to the current case status and previous conferences or appearances involving Rudy Ruiz as a defendant."

This agency has no arrest reports which are responsive to your request. Moreover, with respect to your request for "documents relating to the current case status and previous conferences or appearances involving Rudy Ruiz as a defendant," please be advised that your request does not identify with reasonable clarity the specific government records sought, and requires speculation about what documents are being requested. OPRA requires a party requesting access to a public record to specifically describe the document sought. See Bart v. Passaic County Public Housing Agency, 406 N.J. Super. 445 (App. Div. 2009); New Jersey Builders Association v. New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing, 390 N.J. Super. 166, 180 (App. Div. 2007); Bent v. Stafford Police Department, 381 N.J. Super. 30 (App. Div. 2005). Government agencies are required only to disclose identifiable government records. See MAG Entertainment, LLC v. Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control, 375 N.J. Super. 534, 546 (App. Div. 2005). OPRA does not require records custodians to undertake research in order to determine what records may be responsive to the request. See Livecchia v. Borough of Mount Arlington, 421 N.J. Super. 24 (App.

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Div. 2011); Gannett New Jersey Partners v. County of Middlesex, 379 N.J. Super. 205 (App. Div. 2005). Accordingly, this portion of your request cannot be fulfilled because specific government records were not identified.

Attached hereto are public records responsive to your request, namely a criminal Complaint, Affidavit of Probable Cause, and CAD detail reports. Driver's license numbers, private telephone numbers, and Social Security numbers were redacted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 47:18-1.1, as were motor vehicle plate numbers. Specifically with regard to the CAD reports, note that redactions have been made to the name and phone number of the caller in accordance with Gloucester County's responsibility and obligation, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 47:A-1 and N.J.S.A. 47A1-1, to safeguard a citizen's personal information with which it has been entrusted when disclosure thereof would violate the citizen's reasonable expectation of privacy. See Perino v. Borough of Haddon Heights, Government Records Council Complaint No. 2004-128.

This communication is being transmitted electronically to expedite delivery to you. This concludes my office's response in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul D. Colangelo". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Paul" and last name "Colangelo" clearly distinguishable.

Paul D. Colangelo

Acting Deputy First Assistant Prosecutor