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March 3, 2020

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Dear Edward Devine,

The Bergen County Sheriff's Office received your Open Public Records Act (OPRA) request on Wednesday, February 19, 2020. The Official Records Custodian, Captain Ryan King, received your OPRA request on Friday, February 21, 2020. As such, the seven (7) business day deadline to respond to your request is Tuesday, March 3, 2020. This response to your request is being provided to you on Tuesday, March 3, 2020, the [7th] business day after the custodian's receipt of said request.

Please be advised, I have reviewed your OPRA request with Bergen County Sheriff's Office Legal Counsel Mr. Daniel Zwillenberg Esq. and I was instructed to provide the following response(s) to this request. The outline below identifies the records that were requested and the Bergen County Sheriff's Office response(s) for the requested records.

Request #1: I would like to know the total inmate population at the Bergen County Jail.

Please see the attached Bergen County Sheriff's Office documents responsive to request # 1 titled "BCJ County January 2020 Avg. Daily Population" and "BCJ ICE January 2020 Avg. Daily Population"

Request #2: I would like to know how many of these inmates are immigration detainees.

Please see the attached Bergen County Sheriff's Office documents responsive to request # 2 titled "BCJ ICE January 2020 Avg. Daily Population"

Request #3: I would like to know how many of these inmates are classified as “white.”

Please see the attached Bergen County Sheriff's Office documents responsive to request # 3 titled “BCJ Race Report”

Request #4: I would like to know how many of these inmates are classified as “black”, “brown”, or “other.”

Please see the attached Bergen County Sheriff's Office documents responsive to request # 4 titled “BCJ Race Report”

These records are being transmitted to you via e-mail, as per your request. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5.b., there is no cost associated with this request.

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 Bergen County Sheriff'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 grc@dca.state.nj.us, or at their web site at www.state.nj.us/grc. The GRC 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.

Sincerely,

Captain Ryan King
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