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April 30, 2024

Research Dept.

Via OPRA Machine: opra+request-61039-f343bf71@requests.opramachine.com

Re: Open Public Records Act (OPRA) Request
OCPO Case# 24001055 – Richard Cholewa

Dear Sir/Madam:

Enclosed please find the Complaint Summons, Affidavit of Probable Cause, Preliminary Law Enforcement Incident report, and Appendix A pursuant to your request made under the New Jersey Open Public Records Act (OPRA). Personal identifying information has been redacted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1, et seq.

As of this date, please be advised that there are no responsive documents pursuant to your request for arrest reports, global subject activity reports, indictments, criminal information forms, plea forms, and sentencing information. You are welcome to resubmit your request for any documents/materials not in our possession.

If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at 732-929-2027, x3135.

Yours very truly,
Dina R. Khajezadeh
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Assistant Prosecutor

DRK/ec

Enclosures

COMPLAINT - SUMMONS

COMPLAINT NUMBER

1525**S****2024****000026**

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YEAR

SEQUENCE NO.

POINT PLEASANT BEACH MUN CT**416 NEW JERSEY AVE****POINT PLEASANT BCH NJ 08742-0000****732-892-1118 COUNTY OF: OCEAN**

of CHARGES

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CO-DEFTS

POLICE CASE #:

24PP06147COMPLAINANT
NAME:**JEFFREY LATSHAW****NEW JERSEY AVENUE****ATTN WARRANTS****PT PLEASANT BCH NJ 08742****THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY****VS.****RICHARD CHOLEWA**

ADDRESS:

DEFENDANT INFORMATION

SEX: M EYE COLOR: **BLUE**DOB: **03/13/1970**

DRIVER'S LIC. #:

DL STATE: **NJ**

SOCIAL SECURITY #:

SBI #: **649500B**

TELEPHONE #:

(c)LIVSCAN PCN #: **152501005714**

By certification or on oath, the complainant says that to the best of his/her knowledge, information and belief the named defendant on or about 03/13/2024 in **POINT PLEASANT BEACH**, **OCEAN** County, NJ did: WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THIS COURT, THIS DEFENDANT DID COMMIT CRUELTY TO A CHILD BY INFLECTING UPON A CHILD UNNECESSARY SUFFERING OR PAIN, EITHER MENTAL OR PHYSICAL, SPECIFICALLY BY PHYSICALLY RESTRAINING THE VICTIM, [REDACTED], WHILE THE VICTIM'S MOTHER CUT THE VICTIM'S HAIR AGAINST THEIR WILL, IN VIOLATION OF N.J.S.A. 9:6-3.

in violation of:

Original Charge

1) **9:6-3**

2)

3)

Amended Charge

CERTIFICATION:

I certify that the foregoing statements made by me are true. I am aware that if any of the foregoing statements made by me are willfully false, I am subject to punishment.

Signed: **JEFFREY LATSHAW**Date: **04/04/2024**

The complaining witness is a law enforcement officer and a judicial probable cause determination is not required prior to the issuance of this Complaint-Summons.

SUMMONSYOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to appear before the Superior Court in the county of: **OCEAN**at the following address: **OCEAN SUPERIOR COURT****120 HOOPER AVE****TOMS RIVER****NJ 08753-0000**

If you fail to appear on the date and at the time stated below, a warrant may be issued for your arrest.

Date of Arrest: **04/04/2024** Appearance Date: **04/04/2024** Time: **10:00AM** Phone: **732-504-0700**

Signature of Person Issuing Summons:

JEFFREY LATSHAWDate: **04/04/2024**☐ Domestic Violence – Confidential☒ Related Traffic Tickets
or Other Complaints☐ Serious Personal Injury/ Death
Involved**Special conditions of release:**☐ No phone, mail or other personal contact w/victim☐ No possession firearms/weapons☐ Other (specify):**ORIGINAL****Page 1 of 7**

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STATE V.**RICHARD CHOLEWA****FTA Bail Information**

Date Bail Set: _____

Amount Bail Set \$ _____

by: _____

☐ Bail Recog. AttachedReleased
on Bail

R.O.R.

Committed
DefaultCommitted
w/o Bail

Place Committed: _____

Date Referred to

County Prosecutor: _____

Date of First
Appearance: **04/04/2024**☐ Advised of Rights by _____

Defendant Desires Counsel:

☐ Yes ☐ No**Prosecuting Attorney Information****Defense Counsel Information****Name:****Name:**

State

County

Municipal

Other

None

Retained

Public Def

Assigned

Waived

Other

Original Charge

1) **9 : 6 - 3**

2)

3)

Amended Charge

Waiver Indt/Jury

Plea/Date of Plea

Plea:

Date:

Plea:

Date:

Plea:

Date:

Adjudication (* see code)

Finding
Code:

Date:

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Code:

Date:

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Code:

Date:

Jail Term

Jail time credit

Susp. Imp

Jail time credit

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Susp. Imp

Probation Term

Susp. Imp

Susp. Imp

Susp. Imp

Cond. Discharge Term

Community Service

D/L Suspension Term

Fines/Costs

Fines:

Costs:

Fines:

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Costs:

VCCB/SNSF

VCCB:

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DEDR/Lab Fee

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DV Surch/Other Fees

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Other:

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Other:

Restitution

Beneficiary: _____

Miscellaneous Information, Adjournments, Companion Complaints, Co-Defendants, Case Notes:
AMY CHOLEWA**Related Traffic Tickets and Complaints:**
1525-S-2024-000025*** Finding Codes**

- 1 – Guilty
- 2 – Not Guilty
- 3 – Dismissed – Other
- 4 – Guilty but Merged
- 5 – Dismissed-Rule
- 6 – Dismissed Lack of Prosecution
- 7 – Dismissed – Pros Motion/Vic Req
- 8 – Conditional Discharge
- D – Dismissed- Prosecutor Discretion
- M – Dismissed- Mediation
- P – Dismissed-Plea Agreement
- S – Disposed at Superior
- W – Dismissed-False ID

ORIGINAL - Court Action

JUDGE'S SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

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732-892-1118 COUNTY OF: OCEAN

ADDRESS:

THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY**VS.****RICHARD CHOLEWA**

of CHARGES 1 CO-DEFTS POLICE CASE #: 24PP06147

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DRIVER'S LIC. #: DL STATE: NJ
SOCIAL SECURITY #: SBI #: 649500B
TELEPHONE #: (C)
LIVESCAN PCN #: 152501005714

COMPLAINANT
NAME: JEFFREY LATSHAW

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in violation of:

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Signed: _____

JEFFREY LATSHAW

Date: _____

04/04/2024

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JEFFREY LATSHAW

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Involved**Special conditions of release:**

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☐ Other (specify):

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RETURN OF SERVICE INFORMATION

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# of CHARGES 1	CO-DEFTS	POLICE CASE #: 24PP06147	
COMPLAINANT JEFFREY LATSHAW NAME: NEW JERSEY AVENUE ATTN WARRANTS PT PLEASANT BCH NJ 08742			
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ADDRESS: 718 MCLEAN AVE POINT PLEASANT BEACH NJ 08742-0000			
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in violation of:			
Original Charge	1) 9:6-3 2) 3)		
Check ✓	Certification by Police Regarding Complaint-Summons		
✓	I certify that I served the complaint-summons by delivering a copy to the defendant personally.		
	I certify that I personally served the complaint-summons by leaving a copy at the defendant's usual place of abode with a competent member of the household of the age 14 or over _____ Name of family member over 14 years of age		
	I certify that I mailed a copy of the complaint-summons by ordinary mail to the defendant at his or her last known address. _____ Defendant's last known address		
	I certify that I served the complaint-summons by delivering a copy to a person authorized to receive service of process on the defendant's behalf. _____ Name and title of authorized person		
	Other manner of service: I certify that I served the complaint-summons in the following manner: _____		
	I certify that I was unable to serve the complaint-summons.		
Signed: JEFFREY LATSHAW POINT PLEASANT BEACH POLICE Date of Action: 04/04/2024 Name, Title and Department of Officer			
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Affidavit of Probable Cause

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COMPLAINANT JEFFREY LATSHAW
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PT PLEASANT BCH NJ 08742

THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

VS.

RICHARD CHOLEWA

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TELEPHONE #: [REDACTED] (C)
LIVESCAN PCN #: 152501005714

Purpose: This Affidavit/Certification is to more fully describe the facts of the alleged offense so that a judge or authorized judicial officer may determine probable cause.

1. Description of relevant facts and circumstances which support probable cause that (1) the offense(s) was committed and (2) the defendant is the one who committed it:
SEE APPENDIX A.

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2. I am aware of the facts above because: (Included, but not limited to: your observations, statements of eyewitnesses, defendant's admission, etc.)

3. If victim was injured, provide the extent of the injury:

Certification:

I certify that the foregoing statements made by me are true. I am aware that if any of the foregoing statements made by me are willfully false, I am subject to punishment.

Signed: JEFFREY LATSHAW LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Date: 04/04/2024

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POLICE CASE #:

24PP06147

COMPLAINANT
NAME:

JEFFREY LATSHAW

NEW JERSEY AVENUE

ATTN WARRANTS

PT PLEASANT BCH NJ 08742

*THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY**VS.*

RICHARD CHOLEWA

ADDRESS:

DEFENDANT INFORMATION

SEX: M EYE COLOR: BLUE

DOB: 03/13/1970

DRIVER'S LIC. #:

DL STATE: NJ

SOCIAL SECURITY #:

SBI #: 649500B

TELEPHONE #:

(C)

LIVESCAN PCN #: 152501005714

Purpose: The Preliminary Law Enforcement Incident Report (PLEIR) is intended to document basic information known to the officer at the time of its preparation. It is recognized that additional relevant information will emerge as an investigation continues. The PLEIR shall be in addition to, not in lieu of, any regular police arrest, incident, or investigation reports. Note that the PLEIR is specific to each defendant charged in an investigation.

Certification:

I certify that the foregoing statements made by me are true. I am aware that if any of the foregoing statements made by me are willfully false, I am subject to punishment.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Preliminary Law Enforcement Incident Report

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APPENDIX A

On March 15, 2024, Detective Janine Kaiser of the OCPO/SVU was contacted by DCPD Caseworker Leonard Becker, who advised that on March 14, 2024, the Antrim Elementary School in Point Pleasant Beach called in a referral in reference to a 12-year-old female, [REDACTED] [REDACTED], who came into school with her hair chopped like the "Mad Hatter got it" as if her head went through a machete. The victim did not want to be seen in school and insisted on sitting in the office with her sweatshirt hood on her head. On the same date, DCPD Caseworker Becker responded to the school and the victim advised that she is not allowed to have social media and her parents found out that she downloaded the social media apps again. The victim advised that she tried to run out of the house after her mother/the defendant, Amy Cholewa (DOB: 12/31/1970), threatened to cut her hair off. The victim's father, Richard Cholewa (DOB: 03/13/1970), then grabbed the victim and brought her back into the residence. The victim stated that her father held her down while the defendant began to cut her hair. When the first pair of scissors were not working, the defendant retrieved a second pair of scissors and began to chop the victim's hair. The victim disclosed to DCPD Caseworker Becker that when the incident happened, the victim wanted to kill herself, however she does not feel that way anymore. The victim also disclosed that she did fear retaliation from her parents.

On March 15, 2024, Detective Kaiser conducted a taped interview of the victim. During the interview, the victim advised that she lives with her parents, older brother, older sister, and the defendant's friend. The victim advised that the defendant's friend has been living with them for a few months and is staying in the victim's bedroom. The victim stated that she now sleeps on a mattress in the attic. The victim disclosed that in February 2024, while in Florida, she was arguing with her older brother and her cellphone was taken away. The victim advised that she found an extra cellphone that was in the house and downloaded social media apps on it so that she could keep in touch with her friends. The victim stated that when her parents found out that she was using a cellphone and on social media apps, it caused an argument.

The victim advised that on Wednesday, March 13, 2024, the defendant kept her home from school and made her clean the house as punishment. The victim stated that she left some things out when her parents asked about the cellphone she was using and this caused an additional argument. The victim stated that the defendant has threatened to cut her hair off as punishment in the past. The victim stated that after her parents confronted her about what they saw on the phone, the defendant told the victim that she was going to cut the victim's hair off. The victim ran out of the house and her father, Richard Cholewa, pulled the victim back inside. The victim stated that her father restrained her and the defendant began to cut her hair over the kitchen garbage. The victim stated that the first pair of scissors were not working, therefore her father found a second pair of scissors and provided them to the defendant. The defendant then continued to cut the victim's hair as her father held the victim down. The victim advised that she and her father kept falling to the floor because she was trying to get away. The victim advised that while cutting her hair, her parents were telling her to stop moving and that she did this to herself. The victim advised that she was telling her parents to stop and that they are going to make her ugly. The victim stated that following the defendant cutting the victim's hair off, she ran upstairs crying to the point of hyperventilation.

On March 15, 2024, Detective Kaiser and this Affiant then conducted a taped interview of the defendant, Amy Cholewa. The defendant was presented with an OCPO Miranda Rights Waiver form, of which she agreed and signed. During the interview, the defendant stated that she and the victim have been butting heads for a while. The defendant stated that she kept the victim home from school on Wednesday because she felt they needed a break from each other and to figure things out. The defendant advised that she gave the victim a list of multiple household chores that she wanted her to work on that day. The defendant stated that she cannot remember what specifically happened that made her resort to cutting the victim's hair. The defendant did state that she has threatened to cut the victim's hair in the past. The defendant advised that she cut the victim's hair because all she focuses on is her looks and her makeup. The defendant stated that she feels bad for what happened, but she just wants to move on from it now. The defendant stated that she emailed the principal of Atrium Elementary School requesting that she allows the victim to wear a hood at school in order to prevent her from being bullied.

On March 15, 2024, Detective Kaiser and this Affiant interviewed the father of the victim, Richard Cholewa. Richard was presented with an OCPO Miranda Rights Waiver form, of which he agreed and signed. During the interview, Richard stated that the victim and the defendant have been going at it lately. Richard advised that the victim and defendant were going at it when the victim ran out of the house. Richard stated that "we went out and we got her" and next thing he knew, they were going at it and the defendant was cutting the victim's hair. Richard denied having knowledge of what exactly happened that triggered the defendant cutting the victim's hair. Richard advised that when the victim ran out of the house, he ran after her, the victim eventually came back inside and next thing he knew, the defendant was cutting the victim's hair. Richard advised that the victim telling the defendant to stop and not do this while apologizing. Richard stated that he touched the victim to bring her back inside, but "not forcefully" because he "knows he's not allowed to do that." Richard at first denied having any involvement in the actual haircut and denied restraining the victim while the defendant cut her hair. Richard later recanted and stated that he did grab the victim after she ran outside, brought her back into the kitchen, and the defendant asked Richard to for a different pair of scissors. Richard stated that when he gave the defendant the second pair of scissors, the victim tried to run away and when he grabbed the victim, the defendant began to cut the victim's hair.

On March 18, 2024, Detective Kaiser and Detective Huber of the OCPO/SVU conducted an interview of Darlene Kuzloski (DOB: 10/15/1971), the Antrim Elementary School guidance counselor. During the interview, Kuzloski advised that the principal sent her a text to discuss the situation after receiving a text message on March 14, 2024 from the defendant regarding the incident. Kuzloski advised that when the victim came into school on March 15, 2024, the victim was distraught crying with her hood up covering her hair. Kuzloski advised that the victim takes a lot of pride in her hair and when the victim is nervous, the victim will twirl her hair as a soother for herself. Kuzloski stated that the victim told her that parents were angry that she took hair products that she purchased herself out of the defendant's bedroom. The victim also advised that she was in trouble after her phone being taken away because she is not allowed to be on social media. Kuzloski advised that the victim told her that the victim stated that she would rather kill or hurt herself than have her hair cut and started to run away. Kuzloski stated that the victim disclosed that the victim's father grabbed her, pushed her back into the house, and held the victim steady

while the defendant cut her hair. Kuzloski further advised that the victim stated that at home, the victim is not allowed to wear a hood or hair clip to cover her haircut.

On March 18, 2024, Detective Kaiser and Detective Huber conducted an interview of Tara Weber (DOB: 12/06/1973), the Principal at Atrim Elementary School. During the interview, Weber advised that there has always been a known aggression with the parents of the victim. Weber stated that the victim is a good student and has never had any discipline issues. Weber advised that on March 14, 2024, she received a text message from the defendant advising that they had punished the victim by cutting the victim's hair and were fearful that the victim was going to be bullied. Weber stated that later that evening she received a second text message from the defendant following up. Weber advised that when the victim arrived in school on March 15, 2024, the victim broke down and eventually advised that she went into the defendant's room to take back things that she paid for with her own money and the defendant got mad. Weber stated that the victim advised that she ran out and her father held her down while the defendant cut the victim's hair.

On March 19, 2024, Detective Kaiser and Detective Huber conducted an interview of Joseph Russo (DOB: 05/04/1966), the Athletic Coordinator of Antrim Elementary School. During the interview, Russo advised that the victim was signed up to participate on the school softball team since February. Russo stated that on March 18, 2024, he had a conversation with the victim regarding the first practice of the season, at which point the victim advised that she would not be playing this year. Russo advised that the victim seemed upset and teary-eyed.

On March 19, 2024, Detective Kaiser and Detective Huber conducted an additional interview of the victim. During the interview, the victim advised that over the weekend, the defendant did not allow the victim to socialize with guests that came to visit and was isolated in her bedroom. The victim stated that on the ride to the police department that previous Friday, the defendant advised the victim that she would not tell her what to say, but to be careful because what the victim says could affect the family. The victim advised that when they arrived at the police department, her parents were acting like they did not know why they were there, which did not make sense. The victim stated that her parents made her feel like she should not tell everything.

On March 20, 2024, Detective Kaiser conducted a phone interview of Joseph Rusbarsky (DOB: 03/03/1981). During the interview, Rusbarsky advised that the victim and his daughter have been friends since Kindergarten and is a coach for the Jersey Shore Vortex softball team that the victim plays on. Rusbarsky advised that he knows the victim as well as he knows his own daughter because she is often at his house and he transports her to and from softball practices/games. Rusbarsky advised that the victim is a great kid who is very emotional and if things are not going good, the victim will cry. Rusbarsky stated that the victim constantly needs to be built up and suffers from low self-esteem. Rusbarsky advised that it is a lot of work to keep the victim in a positive state of mind.

On March 25, 2024, the victim underwent a Child Abuse Evaluation by Dr. Steven Kairys and APN Michelle Jennings. The findings of said examination resulted in high concerns for emotional abuse by the parents of the victim because of their use of more and more restrictive parenting rather than pursuing approaches that would provide structure, but also allow the victim to have friends, sports, and collaborative interactions with the parents. The evaluation also resulted in high

concerns for physical abuse by the parents, due to the victim being physically held down by the father as she struggled to get away from the defendant holding the scissors and cutting the victim's hair, which was a violent act that could have caused injury to the victim.