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Mr. Curtis LeMay
Concerned Citizens of Operation Meetinghouse

Re: OPRA Request - Complaints Involving Joe O'Donoghue

Dear Mr. LeMay:

Hamilton Township received your Open Public Records Act (OPRA) request on Sunday, October 4, 2020. The official Records Custodian received your OPRA request on October 5, 2020. Correspondence was sent to you which advised that due to the public health emergency, Hamilton Township Municipal Building is open only two (2) or three (3) times per week. In accordance with P.L. 2020, C.10 a reasonable effort, as the circumstances permit, was made to respond to the request as soon as possible.

Your OPRA Request sought access to:

- Any correspondence, complaints, internal memo, records in reference to complaints made against Joe O'Donoghue a.k.a. Tokyo Joe.

Your request is denied based on the fact that the only records regarding Joe O'Donoghue are "personnel records" and therefore are exempt from disclosure pursuant to N.J.S.A. 47:1A-10. In compliance with N.J.S.A. 47:1A-10, the only exception applicable to your request is for the employee's name, position, and date of separation and the reason therefor. The following information is being provided as responsive to your request and in compliance with N.J.S.A. 47:1A-10:

Employee's name: Joseph O'Donoghue

Position: Mr. O'Donoghue held the position of patrolman and Sergeant

Date of Separation and reason therefore: February 3, 1986; Mr. O'Donoghue resigned

If your request for access to a government record has been denied, you have a right to challenge the decision 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

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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.

Very truly yours,

ROBERT S. SANDMAN

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cc: Sgt. Joseph Guerrier
Lt. Anthony Alcott