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Via OPRA Machine: [opra+request-21561-ffc6a483@requests.opramachine.com](mailto:opra+request-21561-ffc6a483@requests.opramachine.com)

Re: Open Public Records Act (OPRA) Request  
Correction Officer Misconduct

Dear Sir/Madam:

Please be advised that your request for “records pertaining to charges and suspension of Ocean County Jail Officer John Destefano, Jr.” is impermissibly vague, as it does not identify any specific records or documents. Additionally, compliance with the request would require research, analysis and judgment by this office, which is prohibited by OPRA:

While OPRA provides an alternative means of access to government documents not otherwise exempted from its reach, it is not intended as a research tool litigants may use to force government officials to identify and siphon useful information. Rather, OPRA simply operates to make identifiable government records “readily accessible for inspection, copying, or examination.” See MAG Entertainment, LLC v. Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control, 375 N.J. Super. 534, 549-50 (App. Div. 2005).

Based on the foregoing, the request is denied. You may resubmit your request listing specifically identifiable document(s), or you may wish to submit your request to the Ocean County Department of Corrections.

Should you disagree with our decision, please contact us in writing with your concerns so that we may consider them.

If I can be of further assistance, please contact me at 732-929-2027, x3135.

Yours very truly,

*Dina R. Khajezadeh*

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