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Via Electronic Mail: opra+request-89693-2339a1bc@requests.opramachine.com
Amy Kim
[No Mailing Address Provided]

Re: OPRA Request – CAD and Investigative Reports

Dear Ms. Kim:

The Bergen County Sheriff's Office ("BCSO") received your completed Open Public Records Act (OPRA) request during business hours on **April 13, 2026** via email through Opramachine.com. This response to your request is being provided to you on **April 21, 2026**.

Per the advice of counsel, please accept the following response(s) to your request. The outline below identifies the records that were requested and the Bergen County Sheriff's Office response(s) for the requested records.

Request:

CAD, Incident Detail, and Investigative reports for all incidents coded: elduing, motor vehicle pursuit, attempt to stop, fail to stop, and resisting by flight from 09/01/2025 to 04/13/2026.

Response:

This request constitutes an overly broad and vague request. "OPRA does not authorize unbridled searches of an agency's property." Bent v. Twp. of Stafford Police Dep't, Custodian of Records, 381 N.J. Super. 30, 37 (App. Div. 2005). "Nor does OPRA 'authorize a party to make a blanket request for every document' a public agency has on file." Ibid. "OPRA does not countenance open-ended searches of an agency's files. Ibid. "A proper request 'must identify with reasonable clarity those documents that are desired.'" Burke v. Brandes, 429 N.J. Super. 169, 174 (App. Div. 2012) quoting Bent, supra, 381 N.J. Super. at 37. "A records request must be well defined so that the custodian knows precisely what records are sought. The request should not require the records custodian to undertake a subjective analysis to understand the nature of the

request. Seeking particular information from the custodian is permissible; expecting the custodian to do research is not." Paff v. Galloway Twp., 229 N.J. 340, 355 (2017). This request fails to "identify with any specificity or particularity the governmental records sought." MAG Entm't, LLC v. Div. of Alcoholic Beverage Control, 375 N.J. Super. 534, 549 (App. Div. 2005). Instead, this request requires the Sheriff's Office personnel to conduct research and identify useful documents from an extended period of time. Such a request is impermissible under OPRA. See MAG, supra, 375 N.J. Super. at 549. Furthermore, it appears that your request specifically requests documents exempt from disclosure pursuant to N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1 – specifically criminal investigatory records. As such, this request must be denied.

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 telephone at 609-633-6337, by mail at P.O. Box 819, Trenton, NJ, 08625, by e-mail at Government.Records@dca.nj.gov, or at their web site at <https://www.nj.gov/gro/register/>. 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,

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