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Re: Open Public Records Act Request #23-74

Dear Madam:

This letter is in response to your public records request under the Open Public Records Act and common law, received by this agency via email on October 7, 2023, seeking the following:

- 1) Email log of Assistant Prosecutor John Santoliquido from December 2, 2022 through January 2, 2023 including TO, FROM, SUBJECT, DATE, and TIME.
- 2) Email log of Assistant Prosecutor Rick McKelvey December 1st, 2022 through December 31st, 2022 including TO, FROM, SUBJECT, DATE and TIME.

A request for records pursuant to the Open Public Records Act must specifically identify the government records sought. “[A]gencies are only obligated to disclose identifiable government records... Wholesale requests for general information to be analyzed, collated and compiled by the agency are outside OPRA’s scope.” Burke v. Brandes, 429 N.J. Super. 169, 174 (App. Div. 2012). The requestor must “describe the records sought with the requisite specificity and narrow the scope of the inquiry to a discrete and limited subject matter.” Simmons v. Mercado, 247 N.J. 24, 43 (2021) (quoting Burke, 429 N.J. Super. at 177-78) (internal brackets omitted). Moreover, OPRA does not “authorize a party to make a blanket request for every document a public agency has on file.” Bent v. Twp. of Stafford Police Dep’t, Custodian of Records, 381 N.J. Super. 30, 37 (App. Div. 2005) (citation and internal quotation marks omitted).

As your requests do not specifically identify the records you seek, they are overbroad, blanket requests for “general information...to be analyzed, collated and compiled[.]” You also have not established your entitlement to the records under the common law right of access, see N. Jersey Media Group Inc. v. Bergen County Prosecutor’s Office, 447 N.J. Super. 182, 210 (App. Div. 2016).

Accordingly, I must respectfully deny your request.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John J. Santoliquido". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

John J. Santoliquido
Assistant Prosecutor
Custodian of Records